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AROK FEARS THE WOUNDED KIWIS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

DESPITE the superior skills of the Israelis, Socceroo coach Frank Arok is more worried by the New Zealanders in the run towards a place in the World Cup finals in Italy in 1990.

Australia is on course with the three points from two Oceania qualifying round matches.

Still to come are the games against New Zealand (Auckland this Sunday) and Israel (Sydney, Sunday April 16).

In a special interview with ASW, Arok said: "The hard fact is that New Zealand won't be playing for themselves when they meet us in Auckland.

"They will be playing AGAINST us. Their attitude is that they must get a favourable result against Australia at all costs."

Arok has budgeted accordingly — one point from the Kiwi encounter and two from Israel.

And speaking with cold disdain, Arok denied strong rumours that Robbie Slater remained offside with him because he had left Arok's St George club for Blacktown City and Sydney Croatia.

"I would not hold a grudge against anyone. If that case applied, I would have taken action against other players as well, but I haven't.

"The well-being of the national team comes first. Nothing else matters," he said.

"What I am after is a fully motivated squad — the best team we can field."

Arok went on to say that players must have balance and be a self-reliant and self-confident 'mob'.

He added: "So far, I don't think we are over-confident.

"Harking back to Tel Aviv, I must say that Mike Petersen, Paul Wade, Charlie Yankos, Eddie Krncevic and Wally Savor were our best players.

"Krncevic took only four or five hours to fit in as a fully-fledged member of the squad.

"When he played, he took the heat off the others. He copped so much punishment, you wouldn't believe."

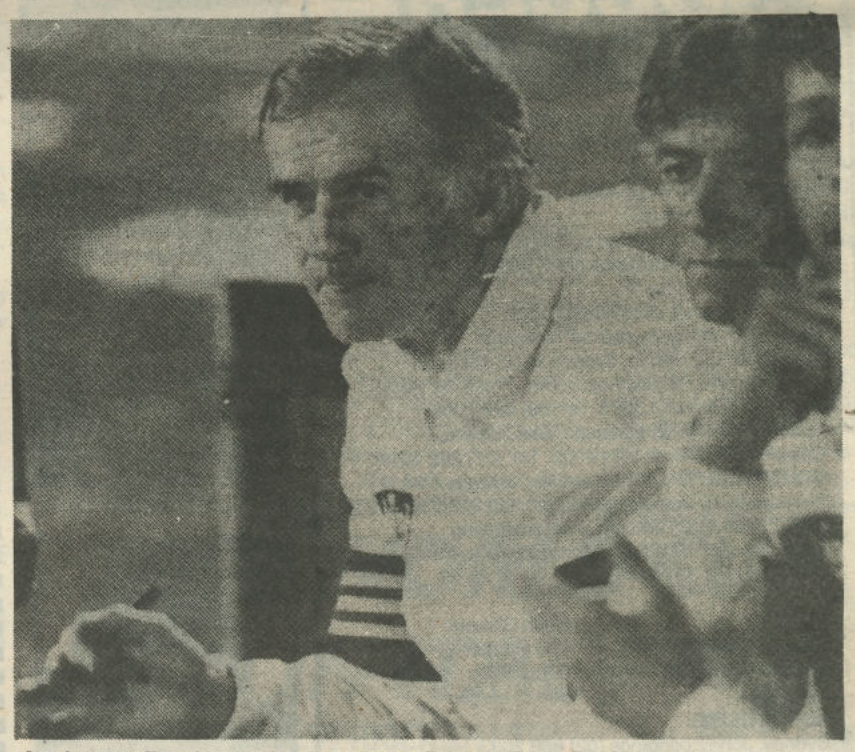
But it's the New Zealanders who are next on the agenda.

They must gain from the inclusion of Sydney Olympic's Mike McGarry and Robert Ironside as well as Fred de Jong.

At this stage the trio is booked for the game against Australia, and not for April 9 against Israel.

Arok professes no interest in whether Israel bring out their Belgian-based stars, Eli Ohana and Ronnie Rosenthal to Australasia.

"It's irrelevant. We should be able to handle Israel irrespective of their line-up," he said.



An intent Frank on the bench at Ramat Gan Stadium with assistant John Margaritis and standby goalkeeper Mike Gibson.

Complacency a big no no Sunday

BY LOU GAUTIER

FRANK AROK will make two changes from the Socceroo team that beat New Zealand 4-1 in Sydney on March 12 when the return leg is played at Mt Smart Stadium, Auckland on Sunday.

Charlie Yankos' place at the back will be taken by Andy Koczka and either Gary van Egmond or Graham Jennings will come in for the suspended Wally Savor, who has to sit this one out after copping two yellow cards in Tel Aviv a fortnight ago.

Strikers Warren Spink and Scott Ollerenshaw regain the positions they surrendered to expatriates Eddie Krncevic and Frank Farina at Ramat Gan Stadium.

The inclusion of Jennings or van Egmond means that Alan Davidson slots back into the midfield where his probing forays can only be a plus.

Arok is looking for a big improvement from Spink and Ollerenshaw this weekend. Both performed poorly in the Sydney match.

Ollerenshaw was less passive than Spink, who wasn't a factor at all, but he missed a brace of sitters which could have given Australia an even more positive goal-difference.

Arok will be ecstatic if his team can bring two points back from Auckland, but throughout this week's camp he has had to motivate his players all over again, reminding them that Australia has yet to win a World Cup tie in New Zealand.

Complacency caused the Socceroos'

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World Cup tickets free to youngsters

THE Australian Soccer Federation has made a praiseworthy move to have as many schoolboys and juniors barracking for Australia at the Sydney Football Stadium on Sunday April 16.

General secretary Alan Vessey said: "Our objective is to have the Stadium packed to the rafters to cheer Australia on the victory against Israel.

"In consequence, junior and schools players up to 16 years can present the free admission ticket contained in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY and gain free admission.

"This applies to the northern end concourse area.

"All the country's thousands of young players will want to see this big international game.

"The day may come when they themselves will be pulling on a green and gold jersey.

"Winning against Israel is vital to Australia's chances of getting through to play in the 1990 finals in Rome."

Youngsters will have many heroes to support on this occasion.

Captain Charlie Yankos, and other stars such as Graham Arnold, Alan Davidson, Oscar Crino, Paul Wade, Eddie Krncevic and Frank Farina will keep the excitement running hot as they battle with the skilful Israelis.

Frank Farina

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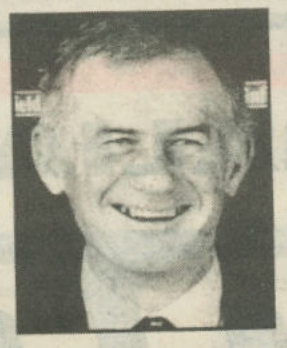

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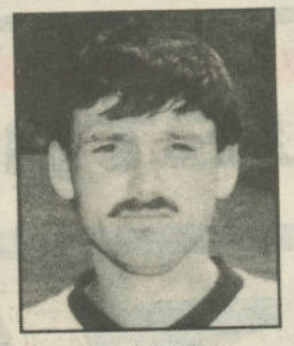

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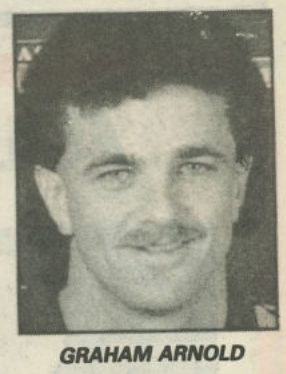

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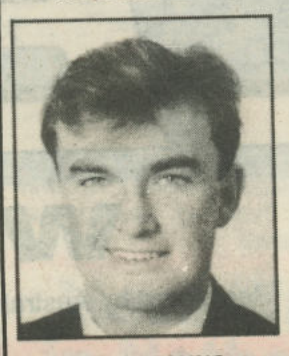

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MIKE PETERSEN

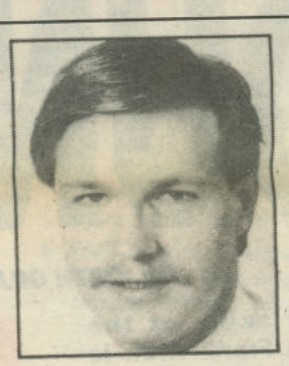
The Socceroos

- JEFF OLVER (Melbourne Croatia) — goalkeeper. Born 25-11-60. 34 caps.
- MIKE GIBSON (St George) — goalkeeper. Born 1-3-63. 2 caps.
- GRAHAM JENNINGS (Sydney Croatia) — defender. Born 18-1-60. 44 caps.
- ANDY KOCZKA (St George) — defender. Born 9-9-65. 4 caps.
- GARY VAN EGMOND (Melbourne JUST) Born 29-6-65. 7 caps.
- ALAN DAVIDSON (Melbourne Croatia) — defender. Born 1-6-60. 47 caps.
- ALEX TOBIN (Adelaide City) — defender. Born 5-4-66. 3 caps.
- WALLY SAVOR (Sydney Croatia) — defender. Born 21.6.59. 21 caps
- STEVE CALDERAN (Marconi) — defender. Born 24-4-63. 2 caps.
- PAUL WADE (South Melbourne) — midfielder. Born 20-3-62. 30 caps.
- MIKE PETERSEN (South Melbourne) — midfielder. Born 6-5-65. 12 caps.
- OSCAR CRINO (Melbourne JUST) — midfielder. Born 9-8-62. 35 caps.
- JASON POLAK (Sydney Olympic) — midfielder. Born 9-1-68. 1 cap.
- GRAHAM ARNOLD (Sydney Croatia) — striker. Born 3-8-63. 33 caps.
- WARREN SPINK (Preston Makedonia) — striker. Born 4-10-66. 5 caps.
- SCOTT OLLERENSHAW (St George) — striker. Born 10-2-68. 13 caps.
- ROBBIE SLATER (Sydney Croatia) — striker. Born 22-11-64. 6 caps.
- PAUL TRIMBOLI (South Melbourne) — striker. Born 25-2-69. 2 caps.

Kiwi danger men

MALCOLM DUNFORD

(Wellington United) Defender. NZ-born, aged 25 years. Former youth international, touring Fiji, Argentina. Travelled to Malaysia with the senior side. Made full international debut in Fiji in 1984 and has become a regular choice ever since with the exception of being injured during the 1987 Olympic campaign. Has played in the National League since 1979 joining his present club in 1982.

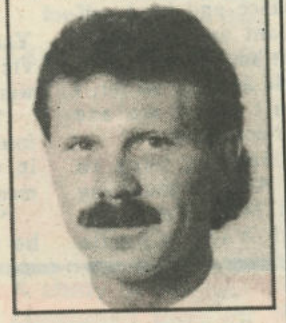


DANNY HALLIGAN

(Christchurch United) Midfielder. NZ-born, aged 22 years. Former regional junior and youth rep with Canterbury. Developed late to take up National League football with the 1987 and 1988 League champions, Christchurch United, in 1987. Quickly established himself as a young player with great potential and made his international debut v Australia in 1987.

RICKI HERBERT

(Mt Wellington) Defender. NZ-born, aged 28 years. Former regional youth representative and youth international. The longest-serving All White, making his senior debut against Mexico in 1980. Has played all his senior NZ football with Mt Wellington, except for one season with University in 1984 and had spells with Wolverhampton Wanderers in England and in Australia with Sydney Olympic during Tommy Docherty's reign.



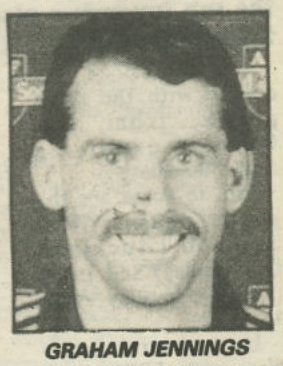
MICHAEL MCGARRY

(Sydney Olympic) Midfielder/striker. Born in New Zealand, aged 23 years. Former Otago provincial representative at all levels and Otago Player of the Year in 1986. First Dunedin City (or Otago) player to be selected for the national team for many years when making his debut against Fiji in 1986. Played National League for Dunedin City during 1984-87, but opted for regional Soccer with Mosgiel last season. Chased by many NZ and Australian clubs at the close of 1988 but finally joined Sydney Olympic.

SCOTT OLLERENSHAW

OSCAR CRINO

ANDY KOCZKA



GRAHAM JENNINGS

WARREN SPINK

STEVE CALDERAN

All Whites could be spoil-sports

BY LOU GAUTIER

ALL White coach John Adshead is determined to ensure that the Oceania group is not decided until the very last game — Australia v Israel, at the Sydney Football Stadium on April 16.

Though it would take a miracle for New Zealand to win the group, Adshead gives his team some chance of winning both its home matches.

JOHN ADSHEAD

While readily acknowledging that Australia and New Zealand are stronger than the All Whites, the Kiwi coach believes his side will have a big say in which team goes through to meet the South American Group 2 winners.

DAVE WITTEVEEN

"If we win our two home games, then every team in the group could quite possibly have four points. That's what we've got to set our sights on," Adshead said.

"We are at least a two-goal better team at home. If the New Zealand public comes out and supports us, there is no reason we cannot give the Aussies and Israelis a run for their money."

Adshead claims the Sydney public did not see the "real" New Zealand.

With two away games under their belts, he expects his players to rise to the occasion in Auckland on Sunday.

"We were beaten by a much better team in Sydney," he conceded.

"The Australians were quicker, better organised and looked like a team that have been together for a long time.

"Last year the Socceroos beat Argentina and Yugoslavia, and the confidence and consistency the players played with reflected that sort of experience."

Adshead will announce his team only hours prior to the kick-off at Mt Smart Stadium.

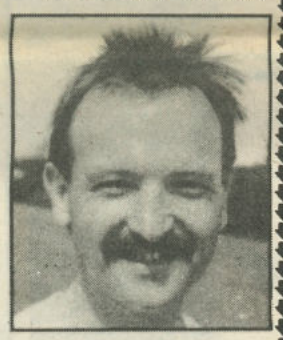
The All Whites should be reasonably sound in defence but their midfield and attack are question marks.

GARRY LUND

The inclusion of NSLers Robert Ironside and Mike McGarry can only strengthen the team.

The Kiwi supremo was not surprised Australia forced a draw in Tel Aviv, but was impressed by the Socceroos' composure under pressure

But he still believes New Zealand will come close to causing an upset on Sunday.



NIGEL DEBENHAM

The weather, for one, will be more to the Kiwis' liking, and there should also be a large crowd as the World Cup tie will be played as a curtain-raiser to a rugby union fixture involving the All Blacks and the New Zealand Barbarians.

This is a "historic" occasion — the first time a World Cup Soccer match has had to share the bill with another sport.

Frank Arok and the ASF are not too crazy about the idea of playing second fiddle to a rival code, but there's nothing much they can do about it as New Zealand has every right to make the arrangement they see fit.

They will, however, will want to make absolutely certain there are no rugby markings on the ground.

OUR RECORD AGAINST NZ

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Won 4-2 1933
Won 7-1 1936
Won 10-0 1936
Won 4-1 1936
Won 6-0 1948
Won 7-0 1948
Won 4-0 1948
Won 8-1 1948
Lost 1-2 1954
Won 4-1 1954
Won 4-1 1954
Won 3-2 1958
Drew 2-2 1958
Won 5-3 1967
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Won 3-1 1988
Drew 1-1 1988
Won 2-1 1988
Won 2-0 1988
Won 4-1 1989

★ Played: 45
★ Won: 25
★ Drew: 10
★ Lost: 10
★ GF: 124
★ GA: 62

EARLY BIRDS

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE early kick-off of Sunday's match against New Zealand will be a handicap for the Socceroos.

The game starts at 12.15pm, which is early enough, but in Australian Eastern standard time it translates to 10am!

Frank Arok, understandably unhappy at the prospect of being forced to play at such an ungodly hour, will have his team up early in camp this week to accustom them to the unfamiliar starting time at Mt Smart Stadium.

Mutterings about a fiendish Kiwi plot to unsettle the Socceroos could be heard at Socceroo headquarters this week, but there's nothingAustralia can do about it as the NZFA is entitled to choose whatever starting time they wish.

The Australian squad, minus the three European-based players, regrouped yesterday (Tuesday).

They will fly to Auckland tomorrow (Thursday).

Singapore referee

BEN SINGAH, of Singapore, will referee Australia's match against the All Whites on Sunday.

He will be assisted by two of his countrymen on the lines.

The FIFA commissar at Mt Smart Stadium will be Sashi Singh, of Fiji.

New Zealand's Malcolm Dunford in action against Australia in the 1985 World Cup qualifier at Mt Smart Stadium, Auckland. Aussies in the picture are Terry Greedy, Graham Jennings (No 3) and the obscured Ken Murphy.

Aussies can improve

BY LOU GAUTIER

WHILE Frank Arok was happy with the point gleaned in Tel Aviv, he believes the Socceroos can play better.

Ever the perfectionist, Arok wants better co-ordination between his defence and midfield in the next two games.

"The ball was not played out to the strikers as I had hoped for," he said.

"Obviously, we can play a lot better and I will be looking to the players pushing the ball around more.

"In Tel Aviv, we were under much more pressure than I thought we would be. Israel surprised me. They were 200 percent better than against New Zealand two weeks earlier."

Arok praised the team's character. "It was a credit to them that they managed to hold out for so long before Israel broke through — and then it took a very dubious penalty to do so. And their fightback was in the glorious tradition of Socceroo teams."

Arok does not think Israel can play much better than they did in Tel Aviv, but he definitely believes the Socceroos can — even without Charlie Yankos, Eddie Krncevic and Frank Farina on Sunday.

He will again place his faith in Scott Ollerenshaw and Warren Spink in attack and he is likely to have the suspended Wally Savor replaced by the now match-fit Graham Jennings, with Alan Davidson slotted back into the midfield.

All told, the Australian supremo is looking for more fluency from his team on Sunday.

He has respect for John Adshead's side. He knows his Soccer history and that Australia have yet to win a World Cup match in new Zealand.

But he fully expects his 1989 charges to change all that this weekend — albeit with the narrowest of favourable scorelines.

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WOLLONGONG CITY: Back row: l to r: Peter Kotaminidis, Mineo Bonetig, Jock Morlando, Warwick Young, Ray Vlietstra, Randell Easthorpe, Mike Hollifield. FRONT: Danny Crainie, Robbie Giraldi, David Skeen, Pat Brodnik, Robbie Giraldi, Jeff Allport, Rade Stefanovski. — Pic: CARMELO BAZZANO.

Makedonia's lucky escape

BY VLADO VLAHOVIC

PRESTON Makedonia were fortunate to escape with a 1-1 draw against Blacktown City after being outplayed for most of the match at Olympic Park last Sunday.

Blacktown took the lead as early as the sixth minute following some terrible defensive work.

Ian Roodhouse sent a square pass towards his own goal in the direction of Steve Jackson, but the pass was never on and young striker Zlatko Arambasic easily intercepted and coolly slotted home from close range.

Preston was like a ship witout a rudder, lacking cohesion and inspiration.

To make matters worse for Preston, its best player in the first half, defender Zoran Tasevski, was sent off in the 41st minute by referee David Willcocks after a heated argument.

Blacktown played with poise and its youthful side had a fine leader in midfield maestro Zarko Odzarkov, who directed his ensemble with aplomb.

Youngster Jason van Blerk was a driving force for Blacktown in attack.

Blacktown also had a scoring chance when a loose ball fell wide to Robert Naumov, who chipped into the area where McKinna sent a flying header just wide of the target, missing his second chance within a minute.

In the next five minutes Preston created two chances but wayward finishing by John Markovski and no-one on the end a Spink cutback from the by-line kept the Preston faithful unusually quiet.

Moments later Markovski had another opportunity when Robert Markovac sent a long cross wide on the left but Markovski's first-time effort was blocked at the near post.

Steve Jackson

Preston's fortunate equaliser came in the 81st minute. Defender Steve Jackson hit an ambitious drive all of 35 metres and to his, and everybody else's, amazement it sailed through the hands of youthful keeper Bill Londos, who obviously wasn't anticipating the shot.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Trajanedes, Roodhouse (I. Tasevski 46m), Jolevski, Jackson, Piculovski, Z. Tasevski (sent off 41st min), Runje, Spink, Smith (Slifkas 66m), Markovski, Markovac.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Londos, G.Sterrey, L.Sterrey, Reynolds, Northam, Odzakov, Maier, Naumov, (Gibson 80m), van Blerk, McKinna, Arambasic (Jee 85m).

Referee: D Willcocks. Crowd: 2,475.

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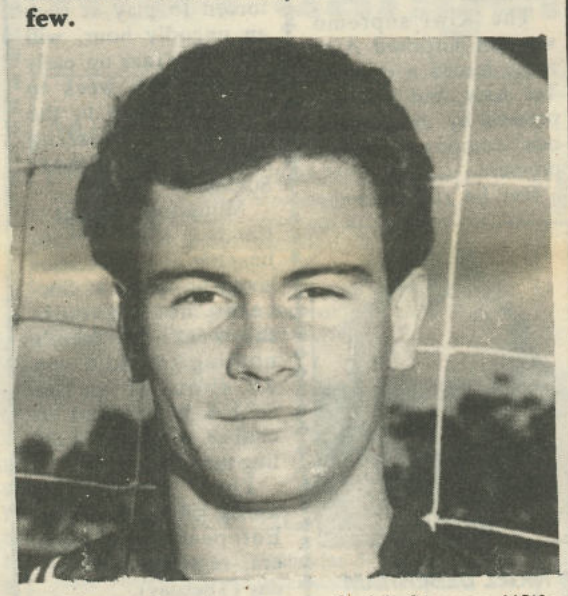
Steve Calderan's aspirations

BY KEITH GILMOUR

STRAPPING Socceroo defender Steve Calderan is certainly one of the chosen few.



The national team system involves being assessed in one of the regular training camps before making the squad.

It went differently for the big fellow, who found himself being drafted straight into the action.

First came the games against Swedish champions Malmo.

After missing a run in Melbourne, Calderan grabbed his chance in the return match in Sydney.

Then came the welcome news of his selection in the World Cup sides against New Zealand and then Israel.

It would have been almost outside the pale for Calderan to have aspired for national team selection at one stage of his career.

A broken leg and a broken ankle, as well as torn ligaments that required surgery put his potential on hold for almost two years.

But he climbed back to the Marconi team in mid-1987 and has been part of their tremendous success story ever since.

Said Steve; "We haven't allowed many goals in and our for and against ratio is absolutely the best.

"I'm enjoying captaining the side and there is no doubt we aim to repeat our achievements of 1988, difficult though that may be.

"Personally, I am glad to have made the national team at the age of 25.

"All I can say at this stage is that I am thoroughly enjoying the experience."

Steve has time off at present from working with the family building company to concentrate on the World Cup campaign.

Going to Italy for the World Cup finals would be a magnificent achievement for this young Australian of Italian descent.

He has another date with destiny planned for later this year.

Steve is engaged to Anna, and the marriage date is to come towards the end of the season.

West End. Beer at its best.

National League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	10	7	2	1	27	8	16
Preston	11	5	4	2	15	10	14
St George	9	5	3	1	11	7	13
Sydney Olympic	11	3	5	3	12	10	11
Sydney Croatia	9	4	3	2	7	5	11
Apia Leichhardt	10	4	3	3	12	13	11
Sunshine GC	11	4	3	4	11	10	11
Wollongong City	11	4	2	5	10	14	10
South Melbourne	9	4	1	4	15	10	9
Melbourne Croatia	10	3	3	4	15	16	9
Adelaide City	11	3	3	5	10	12	9
Blacktown City	9	3	2	4	11	21	8
Melbourne JUST	10	1	3	6	8	13	5
Heidelberg	11	2	1	8	9	24	5

Results

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (S. Jackson) BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Z. Arambasic) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2475.

APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (R. Brown) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 1903.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (J. Mullen) MELBOURNE JUST 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2520.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (A. Edwards) MARCONI 1 (D. Lowe) at Sydney Football Stadium. Crowd: 5037.

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (G. Arnold) ST GEORGE 1 (S. Ollerenshaw) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 3451.

WOLLONGONG CITY 2 (J. Danzo, D. Crainie) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Brandon Park. Crowd: 1323.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4 (P. Tsolakis, K. Taliadoros, P. Wade, P. Trimboli) HEIDELBERG 1 (A. Scott) at Middle Park. Crowd: 12600.

Top Scorers

ZLATKO NASTEVSKI	Marconi	9
IVAN KELIC	Melbourne Croatia	8
SCOTT OLLERENSHAW	St George	6
FRED DE JONG	Marconi	5
OSSIE LATIF	Sunshine GC	5
WARREN SPINK	Preston Makedonia	5
IAN GRAY	Marconi	4
DAVID LOWE	Marconi	4
JOHN MARKOVSKI	Preston Makedonia	4
JOE MULLEN	Adelaide City	4

Crowds

ROUND 11: 29,309
AVERAGE PER GAME: 4187

TOTAL ATTENDANCE (11 ROUNDS): 263,551

*** South Melbourne v Melbourne Croatia, Sydney Croatia v Apia Leichhardt, St George v Blacktown (Round 9); Marconi v St George, Blacktown v Sydney Croatia, Melbourne JUST V South Melbourne (Round 10) still to be played.**

— The average per round will be published after all deferred games have been played.

Arsenal's David Rocastle beats Charlton's Mark Reid to send in the equaliser at Highbury.

Souths smash rivals in Vic derby

By GREG BLAKE

SOUTH Melbourne Hellas celebrated its 30th birthday in grand style at Middle Park on Easter Monday when it sent old rival Heidelberg reeling to a resounding 4-1 defeat.

Greek bands played and dancers strutted their stuff as an estimated 12,500 fans packed the ground for the first meeting of the Greek clubs for two years.

But the colorful celebrations were only a prelude to a breathtaking Hellas performance against undermanned Heidelberg.

A frenetic 10 minute period just before halftime aroused the enormous crowd with three quick-fire goals.

Eight minutes from the break former Heidelberg star Peter Tsolakis blasted home a thundering goal from 25m from a free kick when Alan Scott handled under pressure.

But the Hellas lead lasted a mere five minutes before gutsy Heidelberg struck back when Claude Lucchesi rolled an indirect free kick inside the area to Scott whose shot was deflected into the net by Angie Postecoglou.

As the match ticked into first half injury time Kim Taliadoros struck South Melbourne back into the lead when he was on hand on the far post to spear home a searching cross from Postecoglou.

Heidelberg's best period was immediately after the interval but its patent lack of striking power was apparent once again as it was reduced to mainly speculative shooting.

Hellas weathered the storm and finished the 90 minutes in spectacular style.

With 11 minutes remaining on the clock the impressive Taliadoros showed good close skills to turn his marker and get a shot away which was blocked by the keeper, only for Paul Wade to move in and drive home the rebound.

Four minutes from time Paul Trimboli drove the final nail into the Heidelberg coffin when he blocked a shot from Danny Wright, but recovered to turn swiftly and plant home goal number four.

SOUTH MELBOURNE; Maclaren, Healy, Postecoglou, Fernandez, Blair, Wade, Taliadoros, Tasios (Wright 74m), Trimboli (Russell 86m), Petersen, Tsolakis.

HEIDELBERG; Chatzitifonas, Kanesoulis, Douglas, Scott, Outsalkis, Stewart, Tredinnick (Alagiozidis 46m), Stubbins, Goutzoulis, Lucchesi (Burgess 74m), Raynes.

Referee; J Fraser. Crowd; 12,500.

The day the Bergers made a meal of Sydney Croatia. Tony Franken aims to fist clear of Heidelberg's Phil Stubbins. Prepared for the outcome are Croatia player-coach Vedran Rozic (left) and ever-alert midfielder, Shane Clinch.

Mullen nods winner in colourless game

BY ALAN CLARK

Action in the Adelaide City — Sydney Olympic clash at Hindmarsh Stadium on March 12 — Pix: Janusz Kamma.

ADELAIDE CITY did enough on Sunday to down Melbourne City JUST 1-0 at Olympic Sports Field.

But there was little promise of a brighter Easter future.

Striker Joe Mullen headed home a rebound from an Adrian Santrac 25-metre shot that cannoned off the bar in the 56th minute to do the needful for City.

That sealed victory in a virtual "four pointer" for the home side, but there still was little to enthuse over in a clean, but cheerless game.

City, on pressure of play, deserved the points with Socceroo Alex Tobin hitting his best form of the year and Adrian Santrac the cool director in midfield.

But JUST's concern to grab at least a point stifled any real endeavour in a game that few will long remember.

Mauro Raponi, signed from Thomastown, made a colourful NSL debut, highlighted by a 10th minute penalty.

FIFA whistler Donald Campbell made the award when the keeper upended striker Steve Maxwell.

But Raponi responded to the pressure of the day with a fine save from captain Sergio Melta's spot-kick.

City then had the better of play but could not handle the visitors' defensive tactics.

JUST, too, had little spark or imagination going forward.

Only former Socceroo Kenny Murphy looked capable of worrying City with present 'Roo Oscar Crino a shadow of the player he can be in the green and gold.

JUST, to their credit, battled with a side depleted by injury and suspension, but coach John Margaritis had every reason later to wear the frown of a worried man.

The assistant Socceroo boss defended the play of Crino.

"He cannot do it all himself," he said. "He needs players up front to play for him and we did not have that."

Coach Zoran Matic was delighted to get City's first home victory of the season.

"It was good to get the points as there was a lot of pressure on us," he said.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica, Shillabeer, Tobin, Ivanovich, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar.

MELBOURNE CITY JUST: Raponi, Fabrizzio (Retre 64), van Egmond, Karic, Lazopoulos, Kalogeros, Palatsides, Murphy, Durakovic, Crino, Dimoski.

Referee: D Campbell. **Crowd:** 2,520.

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Saints force 1-1 draw

BY ANDY HENDERSON

CROATIA must consider themselves unlucky not to have taken maximum points in their controversial 1-1 draw with St George at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday night.

Marginally the better team in a keenly contested match, Croatia had the misfortune to have a penalty decision overturned on the report of a linesman.

In the 14th minute a Graham Arnold shot was only parried by St George keeper Mike Gibson, allowing Manis Lamond to nip in and gain possession.

Gibson, in his effort to retrieve the ball, brought down Lamond and referee John McConnell pointed to the spot.

With the players all positioned to take the kick, the referee conferred with his linesman, who reported that a Croatia player on the edge of the penalty box and away from the action had been offside.

McConnell changed his decision and awarded a free-kick to St George for offside. And this certainly upset the volatile Croatian supporters.

Not three minutes later, Scott Ollerenshaw was upended in the penalty box to win a spot-kick for Saints.

And Ollerenshaw made no mistake with the kick.

Croatian supporters went wild but did not not cause any problems for police.

But Croatia were back on terms in the 21st minute.

A timely interception by Alan Hunter and an early throughball to Arnold allowed the Socceroo striker to shoot with his favourite right boot and score from some 10 metres, giving Gibson no chance.

Saints almost took the lead in the 36th minute when Tony Krslovic crashed a shot on to the bar from well out.

The defence of both teams was solid and uncompromising, forcing their opponents to shoot from long range.

With rain falling in the second half, Andy Koczka tested Croatia keeper Tony Franken with some powerful shooting, but Franken was equal to the task.

Best for St George were centrebacks David Ratcliffe and Mike O'Shea, while midfielder Koczka toiled all night.

For Croatia, midfielder Shane Clinch, defender Hunter and fullback Graeme Jennings combined well with the hard-running Robbie Slater.

SYDNEY CROATIA; Franken, Savor, Jennings, Hunter, Rozic, Clinch, Slater, Jones, Arnold, Rumora (Burin 76), Lamond.

ST GEORGE; Gibson, Green (Harper 78), Grbevski, Koczka, Ratcliffe, O'Shea, Bingley, Moffatt, Krslovic (Ilic 58), Pottler, Ollerenshaw.

Crowd: 3451. Referee: John McConnell.

Big scare for the NSL champions

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC scared the daylights out of last season's NSL champions Marconi when they surprisingly held them to a 1-1 draw at the Sydney Football Stadium last Sunday evening.

In fact, Marconi can consider themselves lucky as they ended up stealing a point when they eventually equalised in the 75th minute through intelligent striker David Lowe.

A cross from the left by half-time substitute, Jean-Paul de Marigny, saw Gomez head on into the box. Lowe on the far post powered a low volley through goalkeeper Gary Meier's legs to hit the target.

Olympic fielded a new twin-strike force of Abbas Saad and Jason Bennett, with Alistair Edwards breaking from deep midfield on the left. This combination tore Marconi's defence lines to shreds for most of the match.

Marconi's midfield of Gerardo Gomez, Ian Gray, Tommy McCulloch and Peter Katholos struggled to stem the tide, putting defenders Paul Carter, Steve Calderan and Robbie Wheatley under enormous pressure.

Olympic hit the lead in the 26th minute when skipper Peter Raskopoulos whipped in a fine cross from the right to find Edwards climbing high to head into the net.

The home team constantly pressurised Marconi with furious raids that repeatedly had the NSL champions wheeling around and chasing.

But as has been the case over many recent weeks, Sydney Olympic could not convert the glut of opportunities they created.

Midfielder Robbie Iron-side and Edwards each missed with two glorious chances whilst Lee failed with another.

Some excellent goalkeeping by solid custodian Bobby Catlin allowed Marconi off the hook against a constant Olympic onslaught.

Five minutes after halftime, Olympic had the easiest of chances to go two ahead, but again were disappointed.

Raskopoulos crossed from the right to the far post where Ironside headed back in front of goal, but Edwards' header from only three metres out crashed onto Catlin's crossbar.

In the 65th minute, Lee fired a fierce drive on target from the right, which Catlin could only parry. The rebound flew to Edwards, but his sliding in effort saw his shot slice just wide of the right post from less than four metres.

Eddie Thomson, Olympic's coach, later lamented: "Again we missed so many chances, but with Saad and Bennett up front, I think we may have solved our striking problem. Marconi couldn't get going because we applied the pressure from the start."

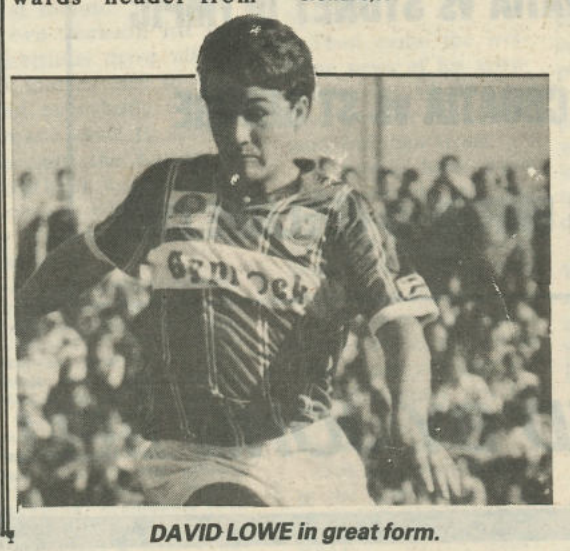
Meanwhile, a philosophical Marconi coach, Berti Mariani stated: "In the first half we didn't play as we allowed them to dictate the game and we lost our rhythm."

Best for Marconi were Lowe, De Jong and de Marigny, whilst Olympic received sterling service from Robbie Hooker, John Koch, Edwards and Raskopoulos.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Barrett, Hooker, Dakos, Koch, Lee, Raskopoulos, Ironside, Edwards, Saad (Phillips 79), Bennett (Pontidas 79).

MARCONI: Catlin, Carter, Calderan, Wheatley, Gomez, Gray, McCulloch, Katholos (de Marigny 46th), Lowe, De Jong (Colagiuri 82), Nastevski.

Referee: C.Bambridge. Crowd: 5,037.



DAVID LOWE in great form.

Gutsy win to Apia

BY GREG BLAKE

WHEN the strife-torn New York Mets won baseball's World Series in 1973, the press dubbed it the 'Ya Gotta Believe' season.

APIA Leichhardt mightn't win the NSL title this year but the phrase might be suitably appropriate for the club after its gutsy 1-0 win at Sunshine last Sunday.

Apia, decimated by player departures preseason, came to George Cross on its knees with no Mark Brown, Alex Bundalo or John Kosmina.

When veteran keeper Tony Pezzano went down injured during the first half of Sunday's game, Apia should have been ripe for the beating.

When Darren Stewart crashed over Shaun Parton and was helped off to hospital with a suspected dislocated shoulder, Apia's cause looked lost.

But Pezzano, later to shrug off a restricting hip injury as "old age", typified Apia's fighting style.

After receiving treatment in the first half, he pulled off two spectacular saves from Ossie Latif and another from Paul Lewis and yet at halftime he could barely bend to pick his gloves up to leave the field.

Flame-haired striker Rod Brown had given Apia a 39th minute lead as he ran on to a long ball from defence and calmy speared his shot low inside the far post.

It was one of the visitors' rare chances that eventually proved enough to settle the issue.

Latif, who waged a brilliant battle with Mirko Radosavljevic, hit the Apia crossbar in the 70th minute and courageous Pezzano pulled off a breathtaking fingertip save to again thwart the speedster with just six minutes to play.

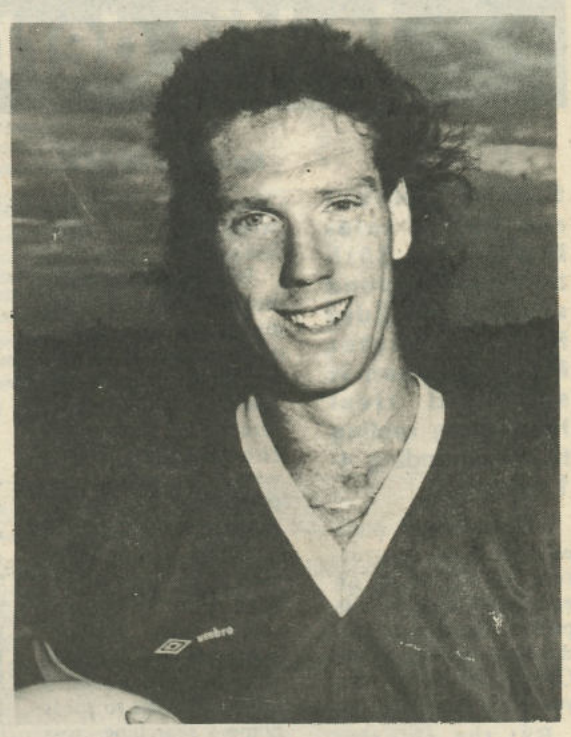
Sunshine, with Parton up to join the attack, had its final chance into injury-time when Lewis hit the post with a shot and the rebound bobbed straight into the grateful arms of Pezzano.

But it was a day when the Apia keeper deserved his ounce of luck.

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Waddell, Taylor, Ketsakidis, Parton, Carter, Lewis, Marth, Faulkner, Lennon (McLaren 72), Latif.

APIA: Pezzano, Stewart (Blagojevic 65), Webber, Halliday, Radosavljevic, Mason, Ellem (O'Connor 74), Hagan, Brown, Murray, Ricoy.

Referee: D. Voutsinis. Crowd: 1,903.



R. Brown

Wolves Win!

BY PHIL MURPHY

Melbourne Croatia coach Ivan Raznjevic was a dejected figure after his team went down 2-0 to a more enterprising Wollongong City at Brandon Park last Monday.

Raznjevic had watched Croatia play their fifth League match without scoring a goal and admitted he has major problems.

He said he doesn't have the calibre of player needed to break the drought and it was becoming very frustrating.

"Our confidence is very low because we simply can't score goals," he said.

"I feel we are playing well enough generally and creating chances but no one is taking advantage of them."

The Croatia coach said it hadn't helped that his players had to leave Melbourne very early that morning because of the holidays but conceded Wollongong deserved the two points.

He said that they were a far better team than Croatia in the second half and that just about summed up the game with the Wolves having dominated proceedings through strikers John Danzo and Pat Brodnik.

Just 18 and playing his first full home game, Danzo was outstanding scoring a goal and setting up a second for midfielder Danny Crainie.

Crainie's goal came four minutes after the break and it was a gem.

Rade Stefanovski lobbed a good ball to Danzo on the right and the youngster beat a defender before finding Crainie with an angled cross and the Scot hammered in a drive from 15 metres.

After 65 minutes Stefanovski was again *prominent releasing* Brodnik on the right and his cross was headed home by Danzo.

The Wolves should have scored three more goals, defender George Hannah clearing a Brodnik header off the line at one stage with Socceroo goalkeeper Jeff Olver beaten.

Crainie had a big second half for Wollongong but it was Brodnik's return to form which pleased coach John Fleming most.

"He showed out there today just what he is capable of when he plays his natural game taking people on," Fleming said.

"We didn't really start to play until I moved Crainie back to his usual wide role in the second half but then it was very impressive stuff."

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Giraldi, Vlietstra, Morlando, Hollifield, Skeen, Crainie (Bonetig 80m), Stefanovski, Cokely (Batten 84m)$ Brodnik, Danzo.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Olver: Donnelly, Talejic, Selemides (Kelic 55m), Hannah, Cannell, Milosovic, Biskic, Davidson, Duzel, Caleta.

Referee: A.Townsend. Crowd: 1323.

NSL Cup Round 1 action

A big crowd in the vicinity of 8000 watched the NSL Cup double-header at Olympic Park last Thursday evening, which saw South Melbourne and Heidelberg qualify for the quarter-finals.

Crowds in Sydney were much smaller, but at least spectators at St George Stadium were treated to a feast of goals as Sydney Olympic defeated St George 6-3.

Last week's cup reports follow.

Apia 2 Sydney Croatia 1

An excellent team effort after the break saw Apia Leichhardt get through to the next round at the Croatian Sports Centre.

Apia were disjointed in the first half, and Croatia exploited this to full advantage, taking a 1-0 lead into half-time.

Graham Arnold, together with the lively Robbie Slater, created havoc in the Apia defence, and both had good scoring chances denied by determined goalkeeping from Tony Pezzano.

TONY PEZZANO

Somewhat against the run of play, Craig Foster brought down Kevin Hagan to concede a 25th minute penalty kick, which Hagan rushed, allowing keeper Tony Franken to save with a dive to his left.

Soon after, David Rezo, the Croatia defender, moved into the attack and received a looping pass from Arnold.

He pulled the ball down and unleashed a powerful shot into the net from 25 metres out.

A more cohesive Apia in the second half began to pressure the Croatia defence and holes appeared in what had been a rock-solid unit.

Jim Webber overlapped down the left, creating loads of room, and in the 63rd minute his pin-point cross found Hagan unmarked in front of goal and he made no mistake.

It was Hagan, the villain turned hero, who took the ball wide right, and his cross found Rod Brown unmarked. He turned the ball into the net for the easiest of winning goals.

Young Sydney Olympic substitute Steve Refenes challenges Saints' Zoran Ilic for the ball last week. Refenes scored a great goal in Olympic's 6-3 win.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Rezo, Jennings, Hunter, Rumora, Clinch, Foster, Arnold, Petkovic (Zelic 46), Zajmi (Telisman 76), Slater.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano, Webber, M.Brown, Halliday, Radosavljevic, Mason (O'Connor 64), Blagojevic (Bundalo 34), K.Hagan, R.Brown, Stewart, Ricoy.

Referee: A.Townsend. Crowd: 1705.

— ANDY HENDERSON

South Melbourne 1 Preston 0

Youngster Kimon Taliadoros found himself the instant hero of the adoring South Melbourne Hellas fans as he bobbed up for a late 83rd minute winner.

A Paul Fernandes cross from the left found the lanky young striker on the far post and he turned his defender under pressure and squeezed the ball past the despairing dive of Phil Traianides.

The goal was the highlight of an otherwise generally tame cup tie played to the backdrop of potentially explosive crowd violence.

Hellas and Makedonia fans baited each other all night, threw cans and flares (one youngster was badly burnt and taken to hospital) and a major confrontation was only averted when police drew their batons on Hellas fans intent on invading the Makedonia stronghold.

Taliadoros had almost scored in early proceedings when he bounced a 12th minute effort off the Preston crossbar and David Healy came close to breaking the deadlock with a piledriver just before half-time.

But Preston, with the John Markovski show in full swing after the break, generally looked the side likely to score. Markovski continually strode away from his markers, but received poor support from his teammates.

Finally, it was left to Taliadoros to end Preston's Cup hopes for another year.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Maclaren, Healy, Postecoglou, Fernandes, Blair, Russell (Wade 57), Mori, Tasios, Trimboli, Taliadoros, Tsolakis (Petersen 80).

PRESTON: Traianides, Roodhouse, Jolevski, Jackson, Piculovski, Z. Tacevski, Runje (I. Tacevski 55), Spink, Smith, Markovski, Markovac.

Referee: C. Bambridge. Crowd: 8000 (double-header).

— GREG BLAKE

Heidelberg 2 Melb. Croatia 1

An 88th minute winner from John Burgess sent Melbourne Croatia crashing out of the Cup after one of the most extraordinary cup ties in recent history at Olympic Park last Thursday night.

Improving Heidelberg fell back into its old losing habits and did everything it could to hand the cup tie to a Melbourne Croatia reduced to just nine men.

The game was "low-lighted" by two send-offs and a near all-in brawl midway through the second half as Croatia stormed back against the odds.

Heidelberg had taken the lead on the half hour when former Croatia player Alan Scott netted with a 25-metre scorcher on the run.

Eight minutes from half-time, rangy Croatia striker Francis Awaritefe was sent off for elbowing John Kanesoulis in the face, but despite the numerical advantage, Heidelberg's amateurish efforts to score again were more than matched by rampaging Croatia.

It was only justice they should equalise in the 72nd minute through Zeljko Adzic, who scored his first goal for the club, then got sent off five minutes later when he apparently dropped Angie Goutzioulis behind play, almost sparking a brawl as players ran in from all points of the field for a push and shove match.

Heidelberg's late winner was set up by Nick Ousalkis, whose clip through to Burgess gave the former Queenslander a clear path to goal.

HEIDELBERG: Chatzitriphonas, Kanesoulis, Scott, Lucchesi, Ousalkis, Stewart, Tredinnick (Alagiozidis 75), Stubbins, Goutzioulis, Burgess, Raynes.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Olver, Donnelly, Talajic, Selemidis, Hannah, Duzel, (Caleta 44), Milosevic, Opasinis (Valentic 61), Awaritefe (sent off 37), Adzic (sent off 77), Kelic.

Referee: D. Voutsinis. Crowd: 8000 (double-header).

— GREG BLAKE

Sydney Olympic 6 St George 3

Sydney Olympic got back amongst the goals with a vengeance to crush St George, with non-regular striker, Abbas Saad, nailing a hat-trick.

But it was St George who opened the innings when midfielder Andy Harper scored

MIKE GRBEVSKI

from a long clearance in the 23rd minute.

Olympic levelled just five minutes later through striker Jason Bennett, following a great flat cross fired in from the right by right midfielder Grant Lee.

Saad scored the first of his hat-trick in the 31st minute when he brilliantly intercepted a poor back-pass by left-back Mike Grbevski, and three minutes later he scored again from a nice cut-back ball by Lee.

Saints' giant midfielder Craig Moffatt scored with a 15-metre 'bomb' in the 36th minute and striker Tony Krslovic added another six minutes from half-time to lock up the scores at 3-3.

In the 65th minute, Saad completed his hat-trick to lift Olympic to a 4-3 lead.

ABBAS SAAD

Jason Bennett gave Olympic a two-goal cushion with his second goal of the match and 63rd minute substitute Steve Refenes completed the rout with a close-range drive from the left.

Hat-trick hero Saad reflected after the match: "It has been years since I've scored a hat-trick and it was good since I haven't been able this season to make it into the first team as a regular."

Best for the Saints were Alan Pottier and Moffatt, whilst for the victors, Saad and the hard-working Lee, Bennett and Hrist were the pick.

ST GEORGE: Gibson, Green (Morakeas 80), O'Shea, Grbevski, Adoboe (Dimoudis 71), Harper, Moffatt, Pottier, Ilic, Krslovic, Bingley.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling, Barrett, Bernal, Dakos, Hooker (Georgakis 80): Lee, Ironside, Hrist, Edwards (Refenes 63rd), Saad, Bennett.

Referee: A.Owens. Crowd: 2795.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

Sunshine 2 JUST 1

Sunshine George Cross scored a convincing win at Olympic Park last Wednesday night despite the absence of one of its best players in recent weeks, John Waddell.

Melbourne JUST sprang a surprise by fielding Socceroos Oscar Crino and Gary van Egmond, even though the pair only arrived back from Israel six hours earlier.

JUST were forced to use 16-year-old goalkeeper Peter Sorocuk as senior custodian Zoran Nikitovic is out for six weeks after breaking several ribs against the same opposition in a league match.

Sorocuk made two fine saves in the first half, but was really up against it later in the game when Georgie asserted its superiority.

JUST opened the scoring in the 26th minute when a Milan Dimoski cross from the right found speedy striker Joe Palatsides, who headed his side into the lead.

George Cross equalised early in the second half when Jeff Faulkner hit a stunning 30-metre drive, giving Sorocuk no chance.

From then on, Sunshine were in full control, with Gary Hasler, Don McLaren, Paul Lewis and Ossie Latif all combining to take the stuffing out of JUST.

The winner arrived in the 72nd minute when Lewis scored with a diving header after giant defender Aki Kotzamichalis set up the opportunity with an overhead kick.

SEAN KEOGH

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh, McLaren, Ketsakidis, Kotzamichalis, Alevisos, Hasler, Lewis, Marth, Faulkner, Roberts, Latif.

MELBOURNE JUST: Sorocuk, Fabrizio, van Egmond, Karic, Vladisevic, Kalogeros, Palatsides, Durakovic, Retre, Crino, Dimoski.

— VLADO VLAHOVIC

Two-goal man Jason Bennett (left) and hat-trick hero Abbas Saad (centre) give Saints' Matt Bingley the slip in the NSL Cup tie at St George Stadium.

NSL CUP RESULTS

Complete first round results:

MARCONI 2 (P. Katholos, D.Lowe) BLACKTOWN 1 (L. McKinna) after extra-time. HEIDELBERG 2 (A. Scott, J. Burgess) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Z. Adzic). SYDNEY OLYMPIC 6 (A. Saad 3, J. Bennett 2, S.Refenes) ST GEORGE 3 (A. Harper, C. Moffatt, A. Krslovic). SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (K.Taliadoros) PRESTON O. APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (K.Hagan, R.Brown) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (D. Rezo). SUNSHINE 2 (J. Faulkner, P.Lewis) JUST 1 (J.Palatsides). Byes — Adelaide City, Wollongong City.

Quarter-final draw: APRIL 15 — Adelaide City v George Cross, Wollongong City v Apia Leichhardt. APRIL 19 — Marconi v Sydney Olympic, South Melbourne v Heidelberg.

Thriller at Sutherland

SUTHERLAND Shire and Canberra Croatia will meet at Seymour Shaw Park next Sunday in the third round match of the day, with the visitors slight favourites to take the points.

Both sides are at on one win apiece after two rounds.

The last four meetings between the two in the League have resulted in three wins to Canberra (1-0, 3-1, 2-1) with the Sharks winning the last league game 2-0 and theis year's Challenge Cup match 2-1.

Marko Perinovic, the only scorer for Croatia after two rounds with two goals to his name, will again present the biggest headache to the Sharks, while Roy Cotton, one of the most skillful English players to grace Australian football, could pose the biggest threat to Croatia.

Melita Eagles, with two wins from two games, and perched on top of the State League table, travel to Cromer Park, eager to make it three out of three.

Melita, recently in the Challenge Cup, had to fight all the way to salvage a 1-1 draw at home.

The unbeaten Freshwater sits two places below Melita and will certainly provide some stiff opposition should Alan Dean and Dragan Pupovac contain this fast and furious Melita side in the opening 30 minutes.

Inter Monaro and Rockdale Ilinden will cross swords at Marco Polo with the scales tipped Inter Monaros way.

Despite its big 6-0 drubbing by Melita last week, Inter is never an easy nut to crack at Marco Polo.

And if 'Gentleman Jim', the ever-popular Sebastian Giampaolo, fires on all cylinders, then Rockdale could be in for some hammering.

Wollongong Macedonia is long overdue to return to the form which flattened Canberra Croatia a month ago and must at least win against Canterbury at Kelly Park next Sunday to keep its generous bosses happy.

So far Macedonia has lost only once in the last two years to Canterbury with the results from 1987 being 3-2 and 0-1 and in 1988 in favour of Macedonia 2-1 with a 2-2 draw.

I cannot see Canterbury hold Wollongong, but stranger things have already happened this year.

Polonia started with two wins and Uruguay Penrith with as many losses in 1989. The record between the two stands at 2-0 to Uruguay and a 1-1 draw. Polonia took the Challenge Cup match 2-1

Polonia is a slight favourite, but dont underestimate Domenic Giannone, Mark Moffatt and Robbie De Ceglie.

Newcastle, recent 1-0 conquerors of Avala at Austral Park, are favoured to take the points despite Avala's dour win at Deakin against Canberra Croatia.

Tony Henderson and Greg Woodhouse will be hard pressed to keep the likes of Robert Holden and Costa Caimakamis out.

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Greg Woodhouse

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□ MELITA EAGLES had not received a single enquiry for right half Casey De Bruin who was transfer-listed at $4,000.

Avala stuns ACT

BY HERB HILD

AVALA stunned state League aspirant Canberra Croatia on its home ground on Sunday when it came away with both points after winning a thrilling match 3-1.

Although Croatia dominated for most of the game, its strikers were embarrassingly inneffective.

Avala led 2-1 at half-time against the run of play through a breakaway goal by Steve Perry, who outran defender Peter Mazis, and a well-hit freekick by Andrew Brockbank which trickled over the line after goalkeeper Peter Gunning had parried it.

Marko Perinovic restored some semblance of justice a minute before half-time when he latched on to a short pass from Zoran Pratezina and hammered the ball into the net from the edge of the penalty area.

Perinovic, usually a competent finisher, could have tipped the scales when he was awarded a penalty after being tripped by Scott Ashton in the 60th minute.

Taking the penalty himself, Perinovic was foiled by former Socceroo goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse, who parried not Perinovic's drive but also Alan Reis' rebound.

Avala used Croatia's momentary shock to good advantage just two minutes later when Jim McBreen headed home a speculative cross from the right.

The two-goal cushion gave Avala the necessary confidence to weather the ensuing pressure of a now desperate home side.

Despite several more chances to Croatia's Reis, Tom Sermanni and Pratezina — and an off the line clearance off Andrew Young's header — the experience of former Socceroos Tony Henderson and Woodhouse and the uncompromising Brockbank neutralised all of Croatia's efforts.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Marcina, Junna, Young, Glavinic, Sermanni, Pratezina, Perinovic, Reis, Lemezina (Casali 65th), Mazis.

AVALA: Woodhouse, Rix, Henderson, Ashton, Brockbank, Berry, Nastoski, Benitez, Fitzharris, McBreen (Quamby 70th), Lovan.

Referee: Paul Murphy. Crowd: 2,000.

STRUGGLE AT CROMER

WARRINGAH Freshwater and Newcastle Austral slugged out a 0-0 draw at Cromer Park on Sunday and few would have gone home disappointed with the scoreline.

AUSTRAL UNITED S.F.C.

The Austral side were satisfied with the away point while Warringah broke a five-game losing streak against Newcastle.

It was hardly a game for the purist as both *sides hustled and bustled* allowing little room for individual creativity.

Warringah's Hilton Phillips carved out openings on a couple of occasions but he failed to finish.

His teammate Ross Etherington had a header cleared off the line and that was just about it for Warringah.

At the other end Warringah keeper Dragan Pupovac had an easy afternoon.

Most of the action was centred around midfield with Warringah's David Sharpe and Jimmy Campbell competing well against the likes of Mike Devon and Steve Bland.

Steve Knight and Alan Dean were most *consistent in an otherwise* faultless display by the Warringah defence, while Mike Boogaard and Wayne Achurch did likewise at the other end.

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Pupovac, Pierce, Knight, McCue, Dean, Sharpe, Campbell, Etherington, Phillips, Perisse (Cimarosti 70m), Stuart (Sutherland 82m).

NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL: Prentice, Bowen (McWhirter), Jones, Achurch, Boogaard, Devon, Bland, Elphick, Bailey, Caimakamis (Holden), Tonks.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melita Eagles	2	2	0	0	8	0	4
Polonia	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Warringah F'water	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Sutherland Shire	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Avala	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Rockdale Ilinden	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Wollongong Mace.	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Canberra Croatia	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Canterbury	2	1	0	1	1	2	2
Newcastle Austral	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Penrith Uruguay	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
Inter Monaro	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

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Canberra Croatia	2	2	0	0	6	0	4
Melita Eagles	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Sutherland Shire	2	2	0	0	4	0	4
Avala	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Rockdale Ilinden	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Polonia	2	1	0	1	2	1	2
Wollongong Mace	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Warringah F'water	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Inter Monaro	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Newcastle Austral	2	0	1	1	1	5	1
Penrith Uruguay	2	0	0	2	0	6	0
Canterbury	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

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Results

MELITA EAGLES 6 (Genc, G. Cerro, Versi, Callanan, Brown, Gimenez) INTER MONARO 0, WARRINGAH FRESHWATER 0 NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL 0, POLONIA 1 (Beamer) WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 0, CANBERRA CROATIA 1 (Perinovic) AVALA 3 (Perry, Brockbank, McBreen), CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE 0 SUTHERLAND 2 (McFadden, Cotton), ROCKDALE ILINDEN 4 (Dounis, Markovski, Lerond, Porter) URUGUAY PENRITH 3 (Moffatt, Bourke 2).

Top Scorers

2: Perinovic (Canberra), Brown, Versi (Melita), Beamer (Polonia), McFadden (Sutherland), Mathew Bourke (Uruguay).

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION		
Melita Eagles v Inter Monaro	6-0	2-1
Warringah v Newcastle Austral	0-0	1-1
Rockdale Ilinden v Penrith Uruguay	4-3	3-0
Polonia v Wollongong Mac.	1-0	2-0
Canterbury v Sutherland Shire	0-2	0-3
Canberra Croatia v Avala	1-3	2-0
STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION		
Campbelltown v Fairy Meadow	0-0	3-1
Waverley v Manly Warringah	0-2	2-1
Orange Waratah v North Shore	2-2	2-3
Sydney Mac. v Granville Chile	1-0	0-2
SSC Yugal v Bankstown	1-0	0-2
Gladesville v Mount Druitt	2-1	0-0
Dulwich Hill v Bathurst '75	4-2	3-4
FEDERATION LEAGUE THREE		
Port Hacking v Blacktown Utd	12-0	1-0
Central Coast v Mt Pritchard	2-0	4-2
Concordia v Rosebery Portugal	2-4	0-4
Canterbury Dist. v Rooty Hill	2-3	0-1
Southern Dist. v Uni of NSW	2-0	0-2
Hills United v Moorebank L'pool	2-2	2-0
FEDERATION LEAGUE FOUR		
Spanish Club v Sydney Croatia	2-1	2-1
Cyprus United v Trasandinos	2-0	0-0
Fairfield Kiev v Eastwood	0-2	1-7
Petersham v Hajduk Rangers	2-0	2-0
North Ryde RSL v Nineveh Eagles	3-2	1-0
Hawkesbury v Padstow Park	TBA	TBA
FEDERATION LEAGUE SIX		
Cobreloa v Abruzzi	1-4	1-4
Hellas v Ashour Star	0-1	3-3
Belmore Hercules v Prospect Utd	3-5	1-2
Sydney Lebanon v G.N.S United	2-5	0-5
Maccabi Hakoah v Alexander	2-1	3-4
Lithgow v Liverpool City	1-0	3-2
Abruzzi v Maccabi Hakoah	TBA	TBA
FEDERATION LEAGUE SEVEN		
Aust. Romanian v ST. Josephs	2-7	0-5
Balmain P.C.Y.C. v Luddenham Croatia	3-1	0-0
Assyrian v AS Noantri	2-3	0-1
Fogolar Fulan v Liverpool Olympic	2-1	1-2
Korean v Lemnos Allstars	0-4	1-3

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Monaro hit for six!

MELITA EAGLES thrashed Inter Monaro 6-0 after a superb performance at Melita Stadium on Sunday.

Following a goal in the opening 80 seconds Melita cruised home to grab top spot with Polonia the only other side with four points after two matches.

Melita snatched their lead from an elaborate move which ended with Andrew Callanan finding Greg Brown.

A quick back-heel and Ajtek Genc had an easy passage to goal.

Melita were two goals up after five minutes. Craig Williams and Callanan combined to set up Gustavo Cerro and his cracking angled drive speared past Manuel Notaras for a 2-0 lead.

Genc hit the crossbar after some good work by Anthony Versi and Brown in the 17th.

Five minutes later-,the Versi-Brown combination worked to perfection to set up yet another opportunity for Genc, but his effort was wide on this occasion.

Following a corner-kick from the left hand side in the 29th minute, the home side went further ahead. Gustavo Cerro took the kick, Brown had a shot, then Versi chimed in to pick up the rebound and score.

A quick interchange of passes between Callanan, Hugo Gimenez and Versi three minutes later saw Callanan race into the area to slam an unstoppable drive past Notaras to give Melita its huge 4-0 first period lead.

Notaras was at his best to save a Jorge Cerro drive following a dashing drive from Callanan and Genc on the left hand side of the park in the 50th, but the brave Inter Monaro keepr could do little else but pick up the ball out of his net two minutes later.

Genc and Gimenez combined to set up Brown and his 20-metre thunderbolt left Notaras helpless.

Brown missed another opportunity in the 67th after being left with a simple pot from a few metres away, but made amends in the 70th to set up Gimenez and the Argentine wasted no time in finding the net to set up the final 6-0 scoreline.

To say that Melita is back would be an understatement. After its walk-about pace of the first round match Melita was all hustle and bustle and its form was close to that of the opening rounds of the Cup competition.

Genc has settled well, Alfredo Barrios is back from an injury which kept him out for four weeks and the forwards are putting away more then half of the chances created.

That sounds ominous, doesn't it?

Inter Monaro fought bravely but seldom threatened McPherson and when it happened the Melita custodian was in superb touch. He was in great form to save in the 29th after a free-kick by Toplica Popovic, then in the 81st from the same player.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Rodriguez, Williams (Cabassi 77th), Barrios, Gonzalez, Callanan, G.Cerro, Gimenez, Versi (J.Cerro 42nd), Genc, Brown.

INTER MONARO: Notaras, T.Popovic, Monterosso (Brennan 54th), Santolin, Titilas, Carbone, Djordjeski, N.Popovic, Alchin (Thompson 65th), Ambrosino, Giampaolo.

Hungry Sharks savage Berries

SUTHERLAND Soccer Sharks dumped Canterbury for the second time this year, winning last Sunday's encounter 2-0 at Arlington Oval.

It was the home side that prevailed in the opening period, but had very little to show for its effort at the end of the 45-minute period.

Canterbury huffed and puffed but found Paul Dart an impenetrable target during the first stanza, then tired slowly but surely towards the end of the match allowing Sutherland to pick up the fruit of its labour.

The visitors soaked up a lot of pressure for the better part of this match, then struck with venom in the closing stages through its front line enterprise of Paul McFadden and Roy Cotton.

An intercept by Alex Hutchison in the 75th minute led to the first goal. He raced down the left flank before slipping an accurate pass to McFadden and the ex-Melita forward had no trouble beating Chris Hummell.

With seven minutes remaining, Cotton showed a clean pair of heels to his markers to face Hummell before slipping the ball under his body for a 2-0 scoreline.

George Kalogeras, Goran Pavlovic, Chris Hantzis and John Radman played well for Canterbury, while Peter Terry commanded his defence to perfection with Dart in goal and Cotton up front proving decisive.

Hummell had a great match in goal and could not be blamed for the loss, having saved superbly on at least two occasions in the second period.

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE: Hummell, Papayothis, Pavlovic, Plataniotis, Radman, Godzik, Zervas, Kalogeras, Parison, Hantzis, Spanoudakis.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Edmonds, Sellar, Terry, Nelson, O'Shea, Hutchison, Christodolou, McFadden, Cotton, Sharpe.

Brave Penrith fail narrowly

ROCKDALE Ilinden supporters were seething after watching their team slump from a 4-0 first half lead to a narrow 4-3 victory against Uruguay Penrith at Hurstville Oval on Sunday.

Ilinden overwhelmed Uruguay in the first half scoring after just five minutes.

They continued to pound the visitors' goal and raced to a 3-0 lead after 22 minutes.

Former Socceroo Joe Watson started the rot with a well flighted free-kick.

He found Louis Dounis lurking at the far post and the ex-APIA star made no mistake — 1-0.

Tony Genovese missed one in the 14th after a good move involving Dounis, but the speedy striker made amends six minutes later to combine with Greg Lerond and set up Zlatko Markovski for the easiest of goals — 2-0.

Only two minutes later, Lerond and Dounis were at it again feeding Stuart Porter and the former Motherwell striker headed past Peter Berry for a 3-0 scoreline.

Ilinden appeared set for a mammoth win after Lerond smashed a fierce 25m drive past Berry in the 43rd minute.

Mark Moffatt came on for Branko Kodor and Carlos Zabala replaced Berry for Uruguay Penrith, while Frank Saccialotto was the suprise replacement for Mark Buchanan.

Ilinden despite its commanding 4-0 lead looked shaky at the back and could easilly have conceded two goals in the opening six minutes.

The absence of Darren Wilson, the man who was recently yought by an NSL outfit, baffled Ilinden supporters.

Moffatt exposed some poor Ilinden defence with an easy header after 65 minutes to make it 4-1. And three minutes later, young Saccialotto was beaten for pace by Robert De Ceglie (!) and Scott O'Donnell handled the ensuing cross to give away a penalty.

Matthew Bourke converted to make it 4-2.

Panic-stricken Saccialotto lost the ball with five minutes remaining and had to resort to shoving Domenic Giannone in sight of the penalty area.

A fierce free-kick by Bourke deflected off the wall and looped over the keeper's head into the net — 4-3.

Ilinden survived some anxious moments before escaping with the two points.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Warren, Segreto, McAusland, Buchanan (Saccialotto 46m), O'Donnell, Markovski, Watson, Lerond, Porter, Dounis, Genovese (Lazarevski 73m).

PENRITH URUGUAY: Berry (Zabala 46m), Rodiv, Momtedeosca, Bourke, Zulj, Zullo, Beddoni, Kodor (Moffatt 39m), Gonzalez, De Ceglie, Giannone.

Late goal sinks Macedonia

AN astute decision by the Polonia coach Albyn Mikulski paid handsome dividends against Wollongong Macedonia at Chopin Park on Sunday.

FIRST DIVISION with ALEX VESIC

Mikulski replaced Mark and Darren Pratt with David Caruso and David Beamer and the new pair combined to score the only goal in the 1-0 victory to Polonia.

With only seven minutes remaining and the game seemingly heading for a scoreless draw, Polonia broke through on the right via Caruso.

His well measured cross found an unmarked Beamer and Craig Burchmore was helpless to stop the Beamer thunderbolt.

Beamer had been on the park for only three minutes.

Polonia was out to contain Wollongong's bustling midfield and wait for an opportunity to strike.

And they had done just that.

The home side managed to do their homework to perfection in the first period allowing little room for the fast-flowing game of the visitors.

Both keepers were called on to make a splendid save each, but as the game wore on it was Burchmore who had to show some of his good form to keep his side in the hunt.

He was on hand to save a point blank header by Craig Thompson in the 70th minute, but was unable to stop a scorching drive by Stefan Janic six minutes later. Alas, the ball rebounded off the crossbar and was cleared by Macedonia's defence.

The visitors had little to rejoice about. They had a goal disallowed for offside.

POLONIA: Thurlow, Chou, M Pratt (Caruso 46m), Pasek, Robertson, Anderson, Kulwicki, Thompson, Janic, Janduda, D Pratt (Beamer 80m).

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Bruchmore, Slaveski, Cavanah, Mears, Shaw (Bourke 80m), Kay, Sandy, Bradley, McKie (Caban 65m), Fletcher, Thornthwaite.

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SATURDAY APRIL 1

2ND DIVISION

Manly Warringah	vs Gladesville Hornsby	Cromer Park
Bathurst '75	vs SSC Yugal	TBA
Campbelltown Vikings	vs Dulwich Hill	Bensley Road 6pm

3RD DIVISION

Uni of NSW	vs Moorebank Liverpool	Little Bay Oval

SUNDAY April 2

1ST DIVISION

Inter Monaro	**vs Rockdale Ilinden**	**Marco Polo**
Warringah F'water	**vs Melita Eagles**	**Cromer Park**
Penrith Uruguay	**vs Polonia**	**Cook Park**
Wollongong Mac.	**vs Canterbury**	**J.J. Kelly 3.30pm**
Sutherland Shire	**vs Canberra Croatia**	**Seymour Shaw**
Newcastle Austral	**vs Avala**	**Austral Park 2.30pm**

2ND DIVISION

Granville Chile	vs Waverley SC	Garside Park
Bankstown	vs Sydney Macedonia	Potts Park
Mount Druitt	vs Orange Waratah	Popondetta Park
Fairy Meadow Utd	vs North Shore Utd	Brandon Park

3RD DIVISION

Blacktown United	vs Concordia	Francis Park
Southern Districts	vs Port Hacking	Ernie Smith Reserve
Rosebery Portugal	vs Canterbury Districts	Erskineville Oval
Mt Pritchard	vs Hills Shire	Mt Pritchard Complex
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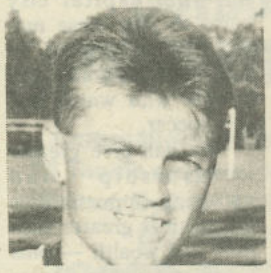

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Please keep your hands off the referee!

BY TERRY SEACY

LIKE many other Socceroo supporters I watched the Australia v Israel World Cup qualifier from Tel Aviv.

Whilst we can be pleased with the result — a word of warning to our Socceroos: "Don't put your hands on the referee."

I am refering to the penalty awarded against Alan Davidson for alleged hand ball.

It is understandable that players become emotional when they feel they have been harshly done by, but that is no excuse for the Socceroos to mob the referee as they did.

European referees are more likely to take a serious view of being verballed by several players and surrounded, in situations like last Sunday in Tel-Aviv.

My reason for making this plea to the Socceroos is they cannot afford to lose players in this World Cup campaign through suspension by accumulating yellow cards.

I noticed that during the protest the referee reached into his hip pocket and it appeared he was going to produce a yellow card.

Fortunately on this occasion he decided not to take action, but Australia must be careful not to spoil such a good performance.

It would be tragic if all the hard work and preparation over the last two years was to be thrown away by losing the services of players for dissenting the referees decision.

He is not going to change his decision because he is being harrased by several players.

In fact the outcome will be the opposite.

No referee wishes to be set upon by five or six players and in many cases will produce a yellow card to make an example of one player to calm the other ones down.

If you remember, Wally Savor had already been cautioned for a previous offence and he was one of the players protesting to the referee.

The whole game could have changed if the referee had decided to make an example of Savor.

Think about this.

Savor gets his marching orders for a second yellow card.

Israel scored from the penalty, leading 1-0 and Australia down to 10 men.

This would have put tremendous pressure on Australia and could have changed the whole Oceania group situation.

Later when Savor was sent off for the late tackle at least Australia had drawn level.

The remaining games in the Oceania group involving Australia will be refereed by Singaporean M. Bin Singah (v New Zealand April 2nd in Auckland) and Italian referee Signor Longhi (v Israel April 16 in Sydney).

Let us all hope that if there is a repeat of the referee's decision against the Socceroos, then common sense will prevail.

Remember, guys, a referee will not change his decision, and harassing him will only antagonise him and possibly produce a yellow card, which next time could prove fatal!

The Colombian Connection

BY LOU GAUTIER

NOT too much should be read in Colombia's recent 1-0 win over Argentina in Barranquila.

Argentina fielded an even more depleted team than against Australia in the Bicentennial Gold Cup last year.

Carlos Bilardo's team was very "experimental".

None of the foreign-based players appeared against Colombia and several "domestic" players pulled out of the squad as well.

Hector Henrique was the only member of Argentina's 1986 World Cup-winning squad who played in Barranquila.

This was Argentina's team: Falcioni — Craviotto, Lorenzo, Monzon, H. Diaz — Simeone, Corti, H. Enrique, Basualdo — Airez, Balbo.

Australia defeated a much stronger Argentine line-up in Sydney on July 14, 1988.

Though any victory against a world champion is a morale-booster, Colombia, the favourite with Paraguay, to qualify from South America's World Cup Group 2, should not get carried away.

Australia can take heart from the result because Colombia was able to use its foreign-based players for the match against Argentina, including their star striker, Carlos Valderrama.

I have the distinct impression that if Australia pulls through — and why shouldn't they after surviving the hellish atmosphere of Tel Aviv's Ramat Gan Stadium? — it will be "easier" for them to handle Paraguay or Colombia (Ecuador is given no chance of toppling this pair) than Scotland.

South Americans do not particularly enjoy playing against teams with Australia's style of football, and if Colombia wins their group they might also be suspect under pressure away from home as they lack the international experience of, say, Argentina, Brazil or Uruguay.

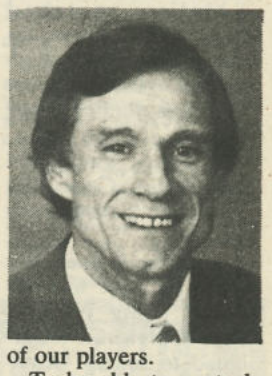
Colombia have only ever appeared in one World Cup final tournament — in Chile in 1962.

Colombia's team against Argentina: Higuita — Perez, Perea, Escobar, Hoyos — Alvarez, Garcia, Redin, Valderrama — Iguaran (De Avila), Hernandez.

Socceroos' technique questionable under Israel's hammer

MIKE JOHNSTON LOOKS AT THE NITTY GRITTY OF PLAYING THE IMPROVING ISRAELIS

AUSTRALIA did have to fight for that 1-1 draw against Israel in Tel Aviv.



Like many other people I saw a tremendous battle into the early hours of the Monday morning, as that vital point was secured by Charlie Yankos' glorious free kick.

I was surprised at the various commentators and guest experts, who at half time gave great praise to Australia and considered them a good thing to win the game in the second half.

An uncohesive and tense Israel had played very badly for half an hour, which allowed Australia to attack quite a lot though not very impressively.

This left goalkeeper Bonni Ginzberg needing to make only one save in that half. Subsequently he had very little to do in the game.

What the commentators and experts surprisingly ignored was the improving attacking cohesion of the Israelis, which became sustained during the 10 minutes before half time, and not the five minutes which was shrugged off as insignificant by our people.

I expected that attacking pressure would continue in the second half, because it was based on good individual Soccer skills, and I did not think the Aussies could match it.

So it proved.

The Israelis attacked almost non-stop for all of the second half.

As we have seen in the past, the Aussies had to draw upon their grit and determination, plus their defensive organisation and considerable defensive skill to keep them out.

We were not able to 'play' them as Frank Arok considers his team is able to do against this level of opposition, and we may not be able to do so in the home encounter either.

Israel is a good, skilful side with some very good defenders.

That is not to say we cannot beat them.

We have our own strengths, just one of these being the power and ability of Charlie Yankos at free-kicks around the box.

However, as we discovered when playing a very skilful South Korean side some two years ago, we still languish when trying to keep possession of the ball when we are under the hammer.

This is down purely to the technical ability of our players.

To be able to control the ball under pressure and pass it to the right player, with the right weight and accuracy at the right time — that is what keeping possession is all about.

This ability comes from playing in a high standard local competition week in, week out, year in, year out.

Which brings us to our National League.

It is improving, but not quickly enough.

It is not good enough to condition our national players to be able to handle high standard international teams.

As mentioned in previous articles, we need some international standard overseas players to be brought into our National League clubs, perhaps one per club to boost the standard.

It will cost money — find the money!

Additionally, State capital cities — Canberra, Perth, Hobart, Newcastle and Brisbane, with truly representative clubs — must be brought into the league.

The base of our National League must be broadened.

The support and wealth of our National League cannot continue to rest on the shoulders of the Italian, Yugoslav and Greek communities.

We need *multinational* capital city clubs to join these major ethnic groups in order to diversify the people who watch our top Soccer.

This will give greater sponsorship and mrketing opportunities and with it greater support and wealth — plus more status for Soccer within the community.

I have been hammering this dual theme for some time.

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George Kalogeros joins the three 'Justkateers'

BY GREG BLAKE

MELBOURNE JUST has always boasted teams filled with individuals who approach the game with joyful abandon.

Players with style, flair, wit and vision with th ability to produce something out of the ordinary to stimulate the club's faithful supporters.

This time around JUST has scooped the pool to produce a triple-bill.

Yes folks, the clubs answer to the legendary 'Three Amigos' is set to play at an NSL cinema soon.

Joe Palasides and Mehmet Durakovic infiltrated JUST's ranks earlier this season, but with the club's recent signing of wayward midfielder George Kalogeros at has landed itself a match-winning hat-trick.

And the "Three Amigos" they are, on and off the field, for three better mates one would be hard pressed to find.

Now the deadly trio are into the blue of JUST and together for the first time they're pistols are smoking as they go gunning for the opposition.

Actually, the Three Amigos compliment each other nicely, with Senor Durakovic a king pin in defence, Senor Palatsides the goalscorer and now Senor Kalogeros to make up the jigsaw in midfield.

If you think I'm not taking the trio seriously, think again.

All three are determined to end the season on top of the heap and none more so than newly signed Kalogeros who's been having something of a siesta since quitting South Melbourne at the end of 1988.

"Hopefully all the problems are out of the way", says Kalogeros.

"It's never been money or anything else at South Melbourne or Heidelberg, I've just wnated to play Soccer.

"Now hopefully that will be my last move and I can get on with doing just that".

The 23-year-old midfielder has had mixed success since leaving Port Melbourne to join South Melbourne Hellas back in 1984.

After leaving Port, where he got his grounding along with the other two Amigos, his spell with Hellas was broken by a stint at State League Caulfield before a successful return to Middle Park.

But at the end of last season Kalogeros decided to move on mainly, he says, because he just wasn't enjoying it at the club any more.

"People say I'll probably have a few regrets about leaving South Melbourne.

"I suppose in a way I will because it's a great club to be with when you're doing well," he explained.

"But at South Melbourne there's always that pressure and people are quick to get on your back if you make mistakes.

"In my first game at Melbourne JUST that pressure wasn't there, the contrast was dramatic.

"I think that's why I did well in my first game, because the pressure isn't on all the time."

Between South Melbourne Hellas and Footscray Road there was his ill-fated spell at Heidelberg, which ended just three weeks after it started.

Kalogeros still doesn't understand quite what happened after he bought out his own contract at Middle Park and moved to Heidelberg just as the 1989 season got underway.

Quite reasonably he surmised that, as the newly-promoted Greek outfit was relying heavily on its State League players to do the job in the NSL, Kalogeros believed he'd have as good a chance as any to forge a place for himself at the club.

Convinced to sign by team manager Jim Kriaris and president Lou Yoannidis, 'Kalogs' was on the bench against Blacktown and managed another full appearance at left back in a practise game before Berger coach Jim Tansey dropped his bombshell.

"On the Friday before the St George game he took me aside and said that I'd impressed him a great deal with my efforts in the youth team and at training," Kalogeros said.

"He then went on to say that he still wouldn't be using me in the first team unless players were injured or suspended because the team he was fielding was his best one."

Kalogeros popped in a transfer request, JUST snapped him up in double quick time and the 'Three Amigos' were born.

"I don't think I'll be haivng any more problems," says Kalogeros.

"I had wanted to join JUST fromt he beginning but at the start of the season I thought I'd be struggling to get a game here.

"But John Margaritis has been encouraging and it has really topped things off to be back with Joe and Mehmet".

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Bruce Maclaren (South Melbourne)

PLAYER PROFILE

NAME: Bruce Maclaren
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 6ft 2½ inch & 12 st 12 lbs
MARRIED: Engaged to Sue (to be married in August)
HOME: Dingley, Victoria
CAR: Holden Calais
NICKNAME: Brewster
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Bromsgrove Rovers (Southern League, England)
OCCUPATION: Sales manager
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Steve Blair, Warren Spink & Robbie Slater
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf
FAVOURITE GROUND: Olympic Park
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Cairns, Nth Queensland
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Elton John
FAVOURITE POSITION: Goalkeeper
ACTOR/ESS: Donald Sutherland & Jacqueline Bisset
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Top Gun
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Fawlty Towers
FAVOURITE DISH: Spaghetti Bolognese
FAVOURITE DRINK: Diet Coke
LIKES: Lying in bed on Sunday mornings
DISLIKES: Smoking and getting injured
INTERNATIONAL GAMES: Played for English non-league XI
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Playing in the 1st Round proper of the FA Cup against Newport County
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Breaking my collarbone and missing the last three games of the season when Bromsgrove won the league
WORST INJURY: Breaking collarbone (see biggest disappointment)
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Steve Tasios
HARDEST OPPONENT: Warren Spink and Robbie Slater
FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYERS: Peter Shilton
BOOT TYPE: Diadora
AMBITIONS FOR '89: To play the whole season and win the league
LONG-TERM AMBITIONS: To play consistently for South Melbourne for as long as possible

Red Star sweeper happy to be here

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

RED Star Belgrade defender Milan Ivanovich made his much-heralded welcome to Adelaide City in late February and, so far, is enjoying the SA experience.

The 28-year-old arrived with new wife Ivana and played only hours later against Marconi.

He now has played six matches for City.

"I toured Australia with Red Star in 1985 and liked it so much I promised myself I would return one day, so here I am," said Ivanovich.

"I am very pleased with the way of life so far. I adapt to places without trouble."

Ivanovich, who was in Yugoslavia's Olympic Games squad, said it was too early yet to fully assess Aussie Soccer.

"The pace of the game seems faster and the tackles are harder so, consequently, you cannot play your game. But, for me, it's no problem," said Ivanovich.

The big man, who is playing sweeper with City in place of retired veteran Bugsy Nyskohus, said playing against Atletico Madrid and AC Milan in European competitions, were his biggest Soccer thrill.

Donadoni, of AC Milan, was the opponent who had given him most problems.

"I have no big disappointments," said Ivanovich. "Win, lose or draw, I enjoy my game.

"I just want to be happy in life and contented in whatever I do. I'd like to continue to play at the highest level possible."

Ivanovich was intrigued by the Adelaide City environment.

"I's different, but I must say I am very pleased with my teammates for their attitude towards me," he said.

NO-NO IN AUCKLAND

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downfall in Fiji last November. A laissez-faire attitude against the Kiwis would be inviting another disaster.

Two points are absolutely essential if Australia is to go into the finale with a better goal-difference than Israel.

A superior differential equals, in fact, an additional point and Israel would then HAVE to win on April 16 to qualify for the next qualifying phase, against the winners of South America's Group 2.

Should Australia beat New Zealand by the odd goal, Israel would have to beat the All Whites by four clear goals or more to leapfrog the Aussies — an all but impossible task on New Zealand soil, even if the Kiwis have nothing to play for.

The New Zealand squad will be selected from Clint Gosling,

Ricki Herbert, Malcolm Dunford, Gary Lund, Mike McGarry, Fred de Jong, Tommy Mason, Tony Levy, Robert Iron-side, Chris Riley, Noel Barkley, Michael Ridenton, Darren McClennan, Rodger Gray, Danny Halligan, Nigel Debenham, Dave Witteveen, Peter Kuiper.

The game will kick off just after 12 noon and SBS will telecast the game live throughout Australia. It will also be shown in Israel, whose squad flies out for Auckland next Monday.

The Jerusalem Post's view of the game

ISRAEL's leading English-language newspaper, The Jerusalem Post, under the heading "Crafty Crino sells Israel a dummy" saw the match this way:

Frankly Israel didn't deserve to win. Frankly though, neither did Australia deserve their draw.

The Socceroos will thus come away from this very rough encounter well pleased and Frank Arok, as ever the psychologist supreme, could afford to spread around compliments like a tourist tossing popcorn to the pigeons in St Marks Square in Venice.

Israel will be long ruing the Aussie equaliser after Eli Ohana's penalty.

But that was a most unlucky, if obvious, penalty.

During 41 minutes of the first half, it was as if Israel hadn't started playing at all. It was only when, in the 42nd minute, Sinai shot, that Israel came into contention at all and looked as if they were capable of a goal.

The Socceroos were tough, determined and extremely capable of producing a spoiling game.

Certainly there was no place for the likes of Uri Mamilian whom the fickle fans are demanding be be included by Grundman and Schneor for the vital trip Down Under.

Australia also looked mightily effective on the sharp break and one way or another Israel could be happy that they had come through the first half, in which they were hardly a factor, unscathed.

However, in the second half, as soon as Australia twigged they could be on the receiving end and were needing to scramble every which way to keep their penalty area clean, the Australians resorted to other tactics.

Olver spent oodles of time laying up his goal-kicks and clearances, and players in the green and gold repeatedly went down in agonising rolls like parachutists who have just come in from 400-metre drops.

The above, however, is to be carping, to spend too much time harping on the "successes" of the other side rather than one's own errors.

Israel's fault was clearly that they got into far too few scoring situations.

In the entire 90 minutes there were only three clear-cut shots at Olver's goal.

Rosental was a bundle of energy, but that was insufficient and when he seemed to be driving through, a cynical tackle stopped him.

Overall, Israel have the quality to beat this team.

But do they have the finesse to match up to the admirable Australian organisation?

Or the capacity to make the very best of what they have, and also to size up their opponents in the most effective way . . .

There simply has to be a way over these psychological pressures.

Victory in Sydney is no pipedream but first there are the two matches in New Zealand.

Both sides should surmount that particular hurdle without too much agony, setting up a marvellous climax to this intriguing battle on Sunday, April 16 in Sydney.

Some will be tempted to blame Ginzberg for failing to position himself and his wall effectively, but I choose to place the blame elsewhere.

First, Alon, for commiting an absolutely needless foul which produced Yankos' goal.

But much more than that, on the way the dummy Israel defence fell hook, line and sinker for another Aussie ploy.

Originally, as the burly Yankos lined up, there were four men in the wall. It seemed adequate.

Oscar Crino, a great player, had a terrific game.

But Arok owes him a much greater debt for something which had nothing to do with ball skills.

Crino came into the wall to meddle and created a rumpus alongside on the left flank of the wall.

Referee Neumer settled the little tiff but, one of the Israeli defenders was distracted by Crino's antics — as indeed he had been meant to be.

He tracked Crino, who had been positioning himself in the left hand side of the wall, to the right.

Only this time he was on the wrong side of the wall, leaving a glaring gap which Yankos duly exploited. A great pity!

Warren's comments

Contrary to Israeli media reports and the opinions of Israel coaching duo Schneor and Grundman, there was nothing lucky about the Socceroos' draw in Tel Aviv.

They were by far the better side in the first half.

In 90 minutes, apart from some well-taken corners and throw-ins, Israel had one strike on goal — Sinai's deflected shot which went over the bar just before half-time.

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

Arok to stick with seasoned campaigners in remaining World Cup clashes

JOHNNY WARREN COVERS IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF AUSTRALIA — ISRAEL, WITH COMMENTS RIGHT FROM — FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING — THE HORSES' MOUTHS

THERE were nearly as many people at the post Israel-Australia match press conference in Tel Aviv as we get to a normal NSL game.

The marathon event degenerated into a spiteful affair between "S & G", as Israeli coaches Schneor and Grundman are not so lovingly referred to, and the Israeli press corps.

The Australian contingent departed long before it was all over.

Prior to the Aussie walkout, the main comments on the match were:

About the match:

Arok: "We were a bit lucky. Time was beginning to run out when our goal came.

"I must admit to being surprised at the quality of the Israeli play — a 200 per cent improvement over the New Zealand game.

"My players deserve credit for withstanding long periods of pressure so well."

Schneor: "I'm not too disappointed with the result — it was a game of ups and downs.

"There was plenty of pressure on the Australian goal. Our finishing let us down."

About the Australian goal:

Arok: "I don't understand why they put a small man in the wall, but thank God they did!

Grundman: "I don't think it was a foul in the first place.

"Our players didn't line up in order.

"We all knew about Yankos' shooting ability from set pieces and had practised the wall in training.

"Pizanti should never have left the wall - he had no business being there in the first place, but once in the wall he should have stayed there."

About the Israeli goal and the Australian reaction to the penalty decision.

Schneor: "Sinai was supposed to take the penalty but he asked Ohana to take this one as he didn't feel too good at the time.

"Eli did the job well — Sinai deserves credit for his unselfishness."

Arok: "I always instruct my players to have poker faces in situations such as this when playing away from home."

About the fouls and the sending off:

Arok: The players were under pressure from the start — a number of the fouls committed resulted from this pressure.

"Wally Savor made a mistake and the referee was perfectly right in sending him off. "The referee had an excellent game."

Grundman: "Our players kept their heads well in difficult circumstances. The referee's handing of the game was examplary."

About the Israeli defensive tactics, using Amar as sweeper:

Schneor: "The only direct shots that Australia had at goal throughout the game were from set pieces — I think that fact speaks for itself.

"Amar was there whenever he was needed, although I do admit that he made one or two inexcusable mistakes."

Arok: "The Israelis certainly learnt their lessons in defence from the New Zealand game.

"Not once today was their defence caught square as we had hoped."

About the pre match "psychological wars" between the respective managers:

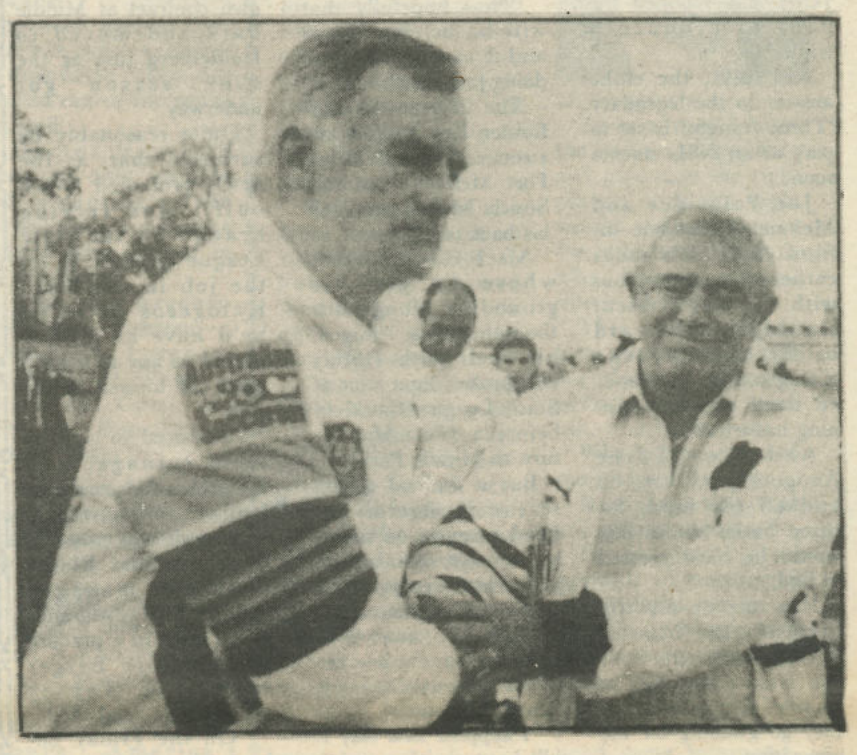
Schnoer: "We tried to beat Arok at his own game."

Arok: "Don't take everything we say seriously — I only mean ten percent of it."

About the Israeli coaches' pre-game ruse of deliberately naming the wrong side (Driks instead of Iluz):

Arok: "I had already decided on our eleven players before we arrived in the country. That eleven must have the capacity to adapt their game according to the conditions under which they play.

"I cannot say the late change in the Israeli team made a fundamental difference from our point of view, althought their defence was a lot stronger as a result."



Frank Arok and one half of Israel's coaching tandem, Ya'akov Grundman, shake hands after the 1-1 draw in Tel Aviv.

Schneor: The players knew what the lineup would be already on Friday and understood why we tried the ploy."

The outstanding players on the field:

Grundman: "Ohana, Rosental and Sinai all played well for periods of the game, but there was no one outstanding player. Our man of the match award would go to Charlie Yankos.

Arok: (sarcastically) "Pizanti."

About the lessons to be learned before the replay in Australia:

Arok: We have to be much more fluent when breaking out of defence. I intend to field the same eleven players for the return game."

Schneor: "Let's wait for the ink to dry on this game before we start discussing the replay.

"We were not disappointed with our players today — the Australians were lucky.

"There's no reason why we shouldn't win in Australia."

Israel's media moans

HERE are some random views from the Israeli media on the match.

"A crucial lapse in defence shattered Israel's dreams yesterday and allowed Australia to snatch an equaliser which could cost the national team dearly in its bitter struggle to reach next year's World Cup finals in Italy" . . .

"Aside from Eli Ohana's 67th minute penalty, Israel never really had a shot at goal" . . .

"Australia were a touch unlucky to concede the spot-kick. Israel won a free-kick just outside the Socceroos' area.

"Avi Cohen dummied to shoot. Sinai slipped it through to Ohana, who flicked it with his foot and the baill ricocheted off Graham Arnold's (sic) leg and on to his hand" . . .

"Although the penalty decision itself was harsh, it certainly did not go against the run of play.

"Israel spent most of the first half in awe of the opposition, but then started the second half as if exorcised from the Arok demon" . . .

"The defence composed their wall but allowed Oscar Crino to make fools of them. He joined the right hand side of the wall only to pull away, taking a defender with him.

"This left a direct path to the near-post open for Charlie Yankos to exploit in the way he knows best."

"Once Israel settled, they began to display touches of the skill they will need in Australasia" . . .

"With a bit more belief in themselves, the national team could still pull off one or two more surprises" . . .

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INJURED former Preston Makedonia midfielder Ron Campbell has had his transfer fee reduced from $14,000 to $10,000 by the NSL tribunal.

The club had declared it would protest against the decision but NSL manager Peter Russell ended speculation of a protracted dispute by telling Preston that there were no grounds for appeal.

Campbell injured his knee on holidays at Christmas but is nearly ready to resume full training.

Heidelberg is expected to pick up the signature of the talented midfielder.

★★★

Melbourne JUST is still chasing a replacement goalkeeper for regular Zoran Nikitovic, whose broken ribs could keep him out of first team action for two months.

The club is keen to sign Brunswick Juventus second-stringer Pat Marama, but Juve has dug in its heels and maintained that Marama is under contract and not for sale.

Teenager Peter Sorocuk played in goal for JUST in its NSL Cup tie against George Cross last Wednesday night.

★★★

Former Brunswick Juventus team manager and president Joe Caruso has been appointed as the new team manager of Melbourne JUST.

★★★

Sacked Melbourne JUST coach Ilija Dimoski has not returned to Yugoslavia as planned, and has instead decided to remain in Melbourne for the time being.

Dimoski believes he has little chance of grabbing a job back in Yugoslavia with the season half finished and is prepared to consider offers from lower division clubs in Melbourne.

★★★

As we went to press, Heidelberg was keen to sign Preston Makedonia goal-ace and vice-captain Steve Smith.

Heidelberg has offered $15,000 for the elegant striker, who is in his fifth season at Makedonia.

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On the subject of initiative, a hearty well done to Melbourne State Leaguers Springvale City.

In an effort to promote their first game under the new floodlights at their Ross Reserve home, Springvale made the effort to send out invitations and complimentary tickets to media outlets and local Soccer identities.

Good PR job Springvale — other clubs take note.

★★★

Melbourne Croatia is keen to sign its new guest player, Zeljko Adzic on a permanent basis.

Adzic made an impressive debut against Adelaide City only a matter of days after joining the club from Canadian outfit Hamilton Steelers.

Currently he is in Australia on a two-month loan and is due to return for the start of the season in Canada in May.

★★★

As predicted in ASW last year, the VSF has lost the support of two of its major sponsors, Ricoh and Pacific Timber.

Ricoh sponsored the Dockerty Cup and Pacific Timber had been the major sponsor of the State League competition.

The VSF is forming a sub-comittee to seek replacement sponsors.

★★★

Congratulations to Brunswick Juventus on showing the initiative Melbourne's NSL clubs rarely aspire to.

Despite dropping back into the Victorian State League for 1989, they produced a marvellous media guide for the new season.

It includes a 1989 match schedule, reports from president and coach, full profiles of the 1989 squad and club background.

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George Cross, in a bid to move away from its much-maligned Chaplin Reserve home, has approached State League club Green Gully about the use of Green Gully Reserve later this year.

George Cross, which is due to move into a new council-backed ground late next year, has been asked by Gully to put an offer in writing.

★★★

LAST week's interesting article by Steve Darby on the coaching scene has fanned speculation over who will succeed Eric Worthington as National Director of Coaching when he reaches the end of his career.

Outstanding contender could well be RON TINDALL, currently in the employ of the Western Australian Department of Sport.

The former Portsmouth player and manager has impeccable credentials and has the ability to weld an outstanding organisation.

★★★

NSW Premier NICK GREINER, MP, will be the guest of honour at the official inauguration of the North Shore United FC.

This will be held from 6pm-7.30pm on Monday, April 10 at the Lane Cove Businessmen's Club in Sydney.

The guest speakers know a bit about football.

They are former Socceroo captain Johnny Warren and Frank Haffey, the Celtic and Scotland goalkeeper, who also turned out for St George.

★★★

WOLLONGONG utility man PETER KOTAMANIDIS is still barely hobbling after suffering a spinal disc problem when he twisted his back in training recently.

★★★

THE FA CUP FINAL

IN response to many queries concerning the date of the 1989 FA Cup final, the correct date is Saturday May 20.

So get ready for partying and viewing for the big event!

NATIONAL coach Frank Arok had an engagement to address a big junior gathering at Dee Why last Thursday night.

When he left the St George Stadium at halftime the score in the NSL Cup tie was St George 3, Sydney Olympic 3.

A hasty check on the score at fulltime showed Olympic 6, Saints 3.

★★★

JASON POLAK — and Soccer — were honoured when the AUSTRALIAN's Saturday magazine supplement last week selected the young Sydney Olympic Socceroo as one of the two most promising NSW sportsmen of his generation.

Chosen as a potential superstar of the 1990s, Polak shared the honour with rugby union Wallaby Scott Gourley.

★★★

VIC DALGLEISH, the Australian under 16 coach with the broad Scottish accent, will have his attention focused on Scotland on April 7.

The draw will be made that day for the 16-nation final series of the World under 16 tournament, with Australia one of the participants.

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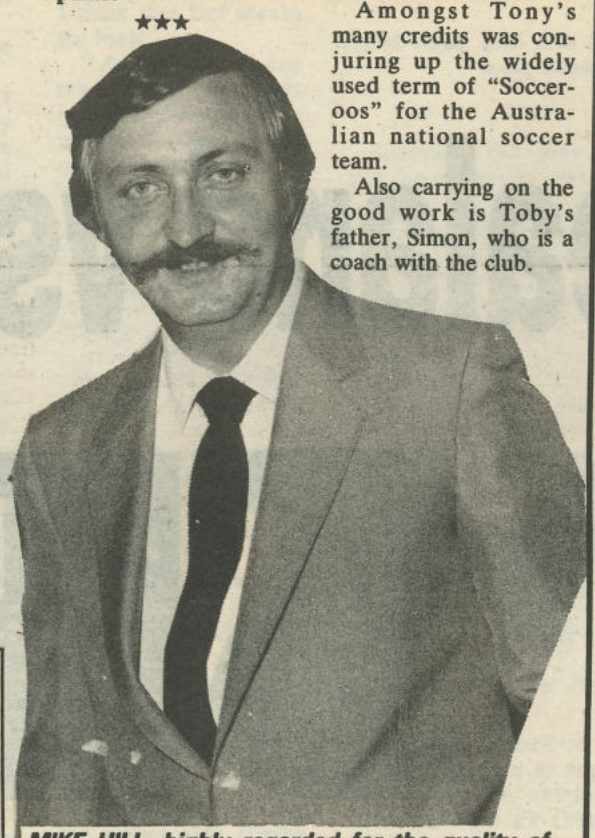
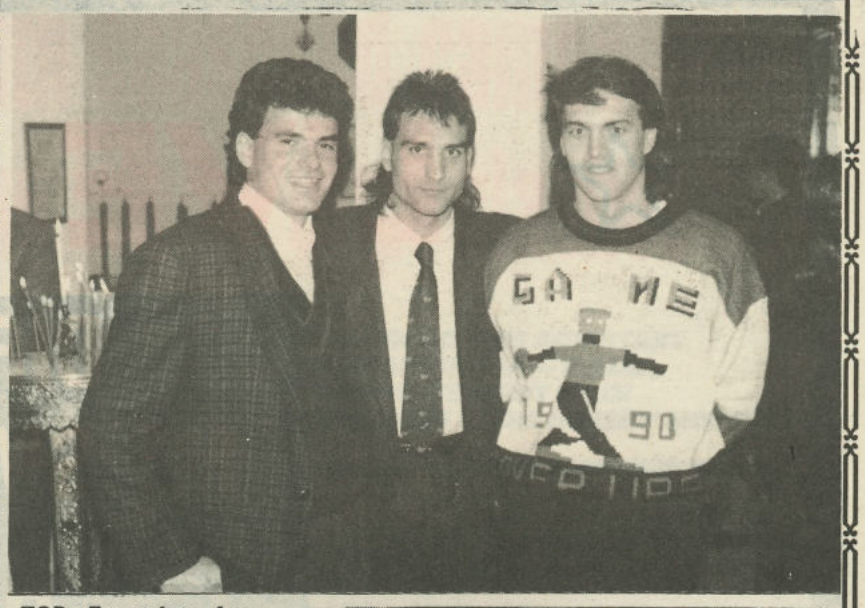


MIKE HILL, highly regarded for the quality of his match commentaries as well as the depth of his research, is a regular commentator on ABC-TV's Big Match programme.

Joining him on recent programmes have been Peter Gee and Peter Wilkins, along with anchorman, John Bell.



TOP: Expatriate Australian stars in Greece — Lou Hristodoulou, Jim Patikas, Chris Kalantzis. RIGHT: Mrs Denise Patikas, Jim, young Aristarchos, the priest with godfather Dionysios Patikas (Jim's cousin) at the recent christening ceremony.

THE family tradition carried on . . . A tall young full-back named TOBY HORSTEAD plays with the elite Youth League team of NSW club, Warringah Freshwater.

His grandfather, Tony Horstead, known as Hotspur, was the Sydney Daily Mirror's soccer writer for many years.

Amongst Tony's many credits was conjuring up the widely used term of "Socceroos" for the Australian national soccer team.

Also carrying on the good work is Toby's father, Simon, who is a coach with the club.

A TALE OF TWO GOALKEEPERS!

Bruce James (pictured), who starred for Marconi for many years and made one appearance for Australia, these days enjoys his football without too much pressure.

He travels down from the NSW Central Coast to turn out for North Ryde in Federation League 4.

Meanwhile, it seems that Terry Greedy's move to play for Central Coast in NSW Federation League 3 has misfired. The Coast club can't afford the fee that Apia Leichhardt is insisting upon.

So Terry is coolling his heels, playing for The Entrance in the Central Coast Premier League.

All good clean fun, but what a waste to have one of Australia's all-time most reliable keepers not being able to build up Central Coast in their quest for a place in the NSW State League First Division.

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Gold Coast looks to NSL gamble

THE Gold Coast could provide Queensland's next team in the National League.

Support for an NSL side from the holiday capital is growing.

The proposal was aired at a recent media launch, announcing a further sponsorship from Jupiter's Casino for the region's representative team, the Gold Coast Gamblers.

The Gamblers, coached by Jim Selby, enjoyed their best year ever last season, winning the statewide Ampol Cup knockout competition and were unlucky not to defeat Brisbane in the annual intercity series.

Talk has been around in Queensland for several months of the Queensland Soccer Federation entering a "Brisbane United" combined team in the National League.

But any positive moves in that direction are yet to be made.

Now it seems the Gamblers are prepared to capitalise on the QSF's hesitation.

Gold Coast Soccer Federation president Tony Cecco said the region now had established a base from which he believes a further NSL bid could be launched.

"Money is the only thing holding us back," Cecco said. "Conrad's (Jupiter's) involvement with the Gamblers had enabled us to take the steps which won us the Ampol Cup, but to go NSL we are talking millions.

"I feel sure in a region like the Gold Coast, that type of money is available."

In launching their extended Jupiter's sponsorship, the Gold Coast put on a slick promotion which included a fashion parade of their latest strip and franchised gear.

Players and models on the catwalk produced a mixture of applause and laughs from the gathering.

Gamblers coach Jim Selby believes Soccer on the Gold Coast is booming, as was reflected by the selection of former Tweed Heads player Eddie Lees as the Australian under 16 captain.

"I can remember a decision by the QSF several years ago to keep us out of their XXXX League with Ian Brusasco (then QSF president) sending us back to the coast to develop our own Soccer," Selby said.

"We can now look back and see that his decision was one made in wisdom because we have now set up a network which I believe is unrivalled in any other region in the state."

While the Gold Coast player depth is currently short of making a successful NSL bid, Selby believes that if the money was available, the Gamblers would not have the same difficulties as did Brisbane Lions and City in attracting southerners to Queensland.

Lee Howells move stirs up controversy

A decision by former Bristol City player Lee Howells to leave Brisbane City is becoming a saga of epic proportions.

A week after Howells asked to be placed on the transfer list, the official paperwork had not been lodged with the Queensland Soccer Federation and the talented goal scorer was netting two goals for City in a XXXX League tie with Grange Thistle.

But still the move goes on, with Rochedale, Olympic United and perhaps even Lions queuing as keen buyers — pending an appeal against the $5000 fee City say they are going to put on Howells.

Howells says he will appeal, but QSF secretary Jim Gilbert says an appeal is impossible until Howells is put on the list and negotiations between City and any potential buyer break down.

Howells is yet to be specific over his reasons for wanting to leave the club, but says he can see no point in staying.

"Nothing will change. I think it is in my best interests to start again at another club," he said.

Brisbane City coach Matt Carson has accused Howells of wrongly blaming the club for his decision to seek a transfer.

An angry Carson believes Howells had been tempted by a lucrative offer from rivals Rochedale and has "invented problems" purely as a reason to justify his move.

Carson said Howells had been allowed to train just one night a week, because of work commitments, and had never raised any of his alleged problems with any club official.

"He's barely said two words to me since he came to the club," Carson said. "If he wants to leave the club, then he should go, but when he starts blaming others at Brisbane City, then I think it's time someone spoke up and told the full story."

Carson said he did not want to lose the talented striker, who joined City last year, but would not offer him preferential treatment either.

Howells asked for a transfer after he was dropped following City's shock 0-4 opening round XXXX League loss to North Star.

"We played poorly and changes had to be made," Carson said. "When a player is only training one night a week, he has got to expect to be one of the first to go in that situation."

Meanwhile, the Howells move goes on — and he continues to play in the City sky-blue.

DID YOU KNOW?

— That BLACKSTONE ROVERS was one of the oldest clubs in Queensland?

It was founded in 1890 and played at Thomas Reserve. It won the League in 1926, 1941 and 1953.

Vosuga's ambitions

FIJIAN international Cheetha Vosuga is looking forward to his best season ever after gaining his permanent residency.

Vosuga switched this season to Brisbane City from Olympic United, but admitted he had been unable to concentrate on his football in the days leading up to him gaining his new status.

"It's a tremendous relief and now I can get on with my football," he said.

Vosuga believes his switch of clubs will enable him to produce the skilful football which made him one of Fiji's most dangerous players.

"Brisbane City are a great team," he said. "Their style suits my skills. I am looking forward to a big year."

Vosuga, who played for Queensland in the Super Six Indoor Tournament last year, stood out in the latter stages of the XXXX pre-season tournament.

His form earned him selection in the Brisbane squad for the inter-city series.

He hopes it will be a stepping stone for Queensland selection.

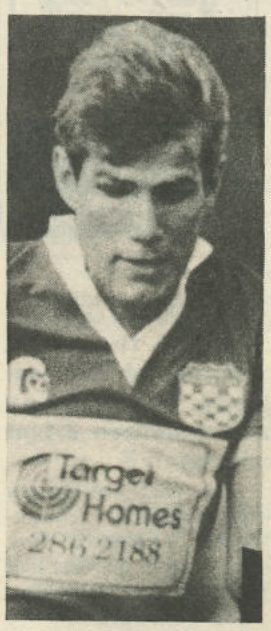
"I wanted to be picked in the Queensland team which played against Fiji last year," Vosuga said. "It was disappointing to miss out, but now I want to play well enough so I can't be left out of the Queensland team to play NSW.

"I want to play against some of the Socceroos that will be in the NSW team and show them what I can do."

Vosuga's change in status will enable City to import another visa player.

It is understood the club has finalised terms with striker Graham Withey, who had a stint with Coventy City.

Withey is expected in Brisbane by the end of next month.



TOP — Richie Barnard. BELOW — Mark McNaughton. This talented duo from Ipswich spearheaded the win against Brisbane last week.

Ipswich's miraculous comeback

A host of Queensland representatives were left with their reputations in tatters after Ipswich staged a four-goal comeback to beat Brisbane 4-3 in the opening intercity series match at Ebbw Vale last week.

Ipswich were down 3-0 at halftime and seemingly facing a pasting. But the home side, which contained players from Second Division Ipswich United and mid-table XXXX League side Coalstars, staged a dramatic revival after half-time to tear apart a heartless Brisbane team.

Ipswich took a stranglehold on the midfield and made a mockery of a back-four which featured Frank Mengotti, Russell Stewart, Stein Grodum and Gordon Buchanan, all Queensland representatives last year.

Brisbane coach Mal Bland experimented with Alan Niven as a midfielder and Russell Stewart as sweeper, the positions they have been playing at club level this season, but the pair failed to produce the goods in the representative arena.

Ipswich coach Brian Styles had little to experiment with, but found a recipe of courage and commitment which Brisbane sadly lacked.

"We destroyed a few reputations out there tonight and we enjoyed every minute of it," Styles said in a jubilant Ipswich dressing room.

Bland preferred to leave his players to ponder and admitted outside the dressing room that his team's second half performance had been the worst display of any Brisbane team he had picked.

He vowed to make changes for Brisbane's next intercity tie, against Gold Coast next Wednesday.

Brisbane started the game in the style the experts had tipped. The defending intercity champions, whose starting line-up featured five Lions players, dominated the first half and took just eight minutes to find the net.

Stewart pushed a glorious curling ball through the Ipswich defence and young striker Chris Slater showed clinical finishing to fire his shot into the net.

Ipswich made a few half-hearted raids on the Brisbane goal, but keeper Rob Farrow was untroubled.

Brisbane went further ahead in the 24th minute after some delightful midfield play. A string a passes finally freed Nick Meredith to shoot from the right and the ferocity of his shot proved too much for Ipswich keeper Jon Petie.

Petie could only parry the ball away and Brisbane striker Bill McDermott was on hand to put away the scraps.

At half-time, Styles introduced Phil Kerr into the defence and gave Vogler instructions to push forward and not track back trying to mark the mobile Meredith.

The tactic was to be a winner.

Ipswich began to exploit the spaces behind Brisbane fullbacks Frank Mengotti and Gordon Buchanan.

Mark McNaughton, who later injured a hamstring, broke down the left behind Mengotti and crossed to the far post where Kerr, totally unmarked, had all the time in the world to steer his header into the net.

With a two-goal lead still standing, the Ipswich effort failed to spark any response from the casual Brisbane players.

In the 68th minute Farrow was forced to make a good save, then quickly released the ball for a Brisbane breakway, but a superb tackle from Ipswich defender Alan McFarlane dispossessed Kieran Cooper and began a move which ended with Brad Smith crossing from the left for Volger to head in at the far post.

Still Brisbane failed to react and Vogler revelled in their indifference.

In the 71st minute, Vogler showed all his natural fitness and flair to tear apart the Brisbane central defence.

He walked through lunges from Niven, Stein Grodum and Stewart before his final shot was blocked as the trio descended on him for a second attempt. But the ball bounced left where the supporting Andy Ogden drove into the net for an equaliser.

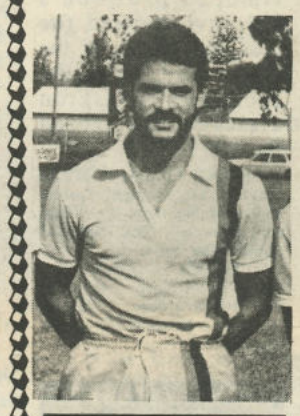
Four minutes later Calvin Daunt missed a sitter and the chance for a winner had seemingly been wasted. But that was not to be the case.

Smith, who proved a new found hero, capitalised on a pre-match plan of waiting until Russell Stewart attempted to play the offside trap. Smith hung back and was ruled onside, then broke away with the Brisbane defenders left standing with arms raised.

The youngster, whose style seems a mirror of Vogler, showed coolness to chip the oncoming Farrow.

BRISBANE: Farrow, Mengotti, Stewart, Grodum, Buchanan, M. Mulvey (Stillman 86th), Niven, Koch, Meredith, Slater (Cooper 59th), McDermott.

IPSWICH: Petie, O'Sullivan, McKeand, McFarlane, Graham (Kerr halftime), Vogler, McNaughton (Daunt 65th), A. Ogden, Barnard, Brusasco, Smith.



Brisbane Schoolboys in Japan

MATCHES against tams from Seattle, Marseille and Rio de Janeiro will be among the highlights of the Brisbane schoolboys side which left last weekend for a tour of Japan.

The tour is part of the centenary celebrations of Brisbane's sister city, Kobe.

The under 11 side was selected after a series of trials involving hundreds of hopefuls, organised by the Queensland State Primary Schools Soccer Football Association.

The team is: Scott Connell (Souths Utd), Michael Foster (Souths United), Glen Kolpak (The Gap), Troy Wickstein (Acacia Ridge), Shayne Thorton (Newmarket), Joel Douglas (Albany Ck), Dean Stevens (Clairvaus), Benjamin Parkin (Newmarket), Reece Tollenaere (Moggill), Scott Hetherington (Salisbury), Adam LeFlay (St Caterine's), Luke Tindall (The Gap), Jason Paterdis (Olympic Utd), James McKay (Newmarket), Clinton McDermott (Wynnum), Simon Bronks (Kenmore).

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FIRST DIVISION
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Frankston Pines in first win

FRANKSTON recorded their first victory of the season when they beat Bulleen 2-1 at home.

In what was a very even match throughout, Frankston took the lead in the first half thanks to a well taken goal from Stirton.

Bulleen had to wait until the second half for the equaliser, which came from a long run by Fab Incantalupo, who calmly put the ball into the net.

Ten minutes from time, Bulleen's Milosevic missed the best opportunity of the match and, from the rebound, Franskton attacked and scored through Dick.

FRANKSTON PINES: Davies, McDonagh, Ferris, Irvine, McMinimee, Weir, Stirton, Sweeney, Dick (Bothwell 85th), Miller, Watson.

BULLEEN: Contini, Marson, Incantalupo, Ruccia, Currilli, Krajacic, Trogiric, Bozikas, Milosevic, Lujic, Angele.

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 RINGWOOD CITY 1

Springvale City played its first home fixture under the newly installed floodlighting last Thursday, but it was Ringwood who celebrated by taking its first victory points for the season.

In front of a large crowd, both teams fought out an even match, with Springvale's forwards again failing to find the back of the net for the fourth match in a row.

Ringwood took the two points thanks to a last-minute penalty converted by Michael Maguire.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian, Reilly, Whyte, Bradon, Bissinger, Finlay, Keenan, Bell, Armstrong, Verechia, Livingstone.

RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley, Wemyss, Cummings, May, Kennedy (Mogka 55), Maguire, Cocker, Muir, Verniers, Haupt, Davie (Mozina).

CAULFIELD CITY 3 GREEN GULLY 1

Caulfield City recorded its third consecutive win with a convincing whitewash of Green Gully.

Fresh from its victory over Thomastown last week, Caulfield maintained its excellent form as it scored three and missed at least half a dozen clear-cut chances.

For Caulfield, the goalscorers were Filipou, Drakeford and Con Pappas, who has now scored goals in consecutive matches.

For Gully, the lone goalscorer was McMillan.

CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer, Bitsonis, Kountouri, Fattore, Theoharous, Filipou, Drakeford, Aretis, Rellas, Pappas, Zolatarev.

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Napoli, Grimaud, Wilson, McMillan, Cutler, Pender, Sweeney, Farquarhson, Elesy, Falzon.

NORTHCOTE CITY 2 POLONIA 0

Northcote City recorded its second home victory of the season when it easily disposed of a disappointing Polonia team.

Northcote scored first after a Palmaricciotti cross found the head of last season's Rothmans medallist, Martin Woodall.

The second goal also came from a header, this time from a free-kick, which found Paul Harris, who calmly nodded the ball past the beaten Kostrazewa.

NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia, Harris, Ginnopoulos, Palmariccitti, P Constantinou, Kouremenos, Patiniotis, Woodall, Carroll, Tsangas, Thodis.

POLONIA: Kostrazewa, Rocsandic, Farrugia, Innes, Lakic, Blichartz, Temos, Czapnik, Bonk, Bellegrinos, Baran, De Bono, Nelson.

THOMASTOWN 0 CROYDON CITY 2

Thomastown, weakened by the loss of keeper Mauro Raponi to Melbourne JUST, suffered its third loss.

Croydon's recent new signing from England, Darren Scott, scored in his debut to give Croydon the lead in the first half.

The second half saw the Thomastown side pressure the Croydon goal with no success, and it was Croydon's McIntosh who scored the second goal three minutes from time, after he got his head to a corner-kick and put the ball away.

THOMASTOWN: Mihalidis, Mihos, Higgins, Athersych, Dougherty, Sinclair, Carfora, McMillan, Hennessey, McGuiness.

CROYDON CITY: Noble (Runje), Langsbury, Roodhouse, Dobson, Brown, Brack, Humble, van Egmond, Brimmer, McIntosh, Scott.

FAWKNER 0 ALTONA GATE 1

Altona Gate recorded its third straight win against a spirited Fawkner, and it took only seven minutes for the all-important winner to be scored.

Aslimovski took control of the ball in midfield, weaved his way to the 16-metre box from where he unleashed a blistering drive that found the top corner of the Fawkner goal.

Altona created many chances, but finished poorly, whilst for Fawkner it seems that a lot of work has to be done to remedy the poor performances produced so far this season.

FAWKNER: Barba, Consentino, Petricca, Ferla, Beatty, Schipano, Tuffield, Sabatino (sent off 80), Stenson, Ferrer, O'Dell.

ALTONA GATE: Lee, Illoski, Momirovski, Markovski, Byrne, Nicoski, Aslimovski, Kebakoski (Gagic 65), Georgievski (Davis 75), McMullen, Ristovski.

ST ALBANS 1 MORWELL FALCONS 2

Morwell Falcons made it four in a row against a determined St Albans side.

St Albans took the lead when Morovic scored a well-taken goal, and it seemed as if the Falcons were about to drop their first points for the season.

Falcons then burst out and scored two goals in the space of five minutes through Byrne and Basara, and from then on it was St Albans which continually pressured the Morwell goal, but to no avail.

ST ALBANS: Grgic, Simovic, Bozic, Dragovic, Colina, Kuperesic, Culina, Dezic (Rastecic), Morovic, Gagula, Cugman.

MORWELL: Reynolds, Bingham, Byrne, Bruns, Walsh, Nelson, McBride (Cassar), Wright, Doyle, Sokoluk, Basara.

Charlie Egan is back on target, to the delight of Brunswick Juventus fans.

JUVENTUS 1 BOX HILL 1

Juventus dropped its first point of the season but it could easily have been a loss against a determined Box Hill.

With Belic, Coady and Glockner missing from the Juve line-up due to injury, Box Hill had a good chance of catching their defence in disarray, but it was all Juventus in the first half as it continually peppered the Box Hill goal without success.

Good chances for Egan and Lane went begging as Juventus became frustrated when the constant pressure yielded no goals.

In the second half, Box Hill caught the Juve defence napping, and McAleer easily headed the ball home.

Willy Herd was then sent off for an off-the-ball incident and it was almost a foregone conclusion that it was not to be Brunswick's day as the Box Hill defence was comfortably holding its forwards at bay.

But in the 90th minute, a long clearing kick from goalkeeper Peter Laumets found Charlie Egan, who calmly lobbed the ball over the oncoming goalie to give Juventus a hard-earned point.

JUVENTUS: Laumets, Marley, De Amicis, Ivanovski (Giaccherini), Lane, Herd (sent off 54), Minichiello, Egan, Klepac, Patterson, Della Rocca.

BOX HILL: McKinlay, McMorrow, Cooper, Davidson, McLeod, Kennedy, McArthur, Egan, Ham, Thomas, Campbell, McAleer.

DID YOU KNOW?

— That the European Champions' Cup was the brainchild of a French Soccer writer?

Gabriel Hanot, of the famous sports daily L'EQUIPE, submitted the idea to the UEFA in 1952, and the competition was launched in season 1954/55.

The insular English refused to compete in the inaugural tournament, though champions Chelsea were enthusiastic about the idea.

Hibs, of Scotland, were the only British representatives

Geelong News

IN the preliminary round of the Victorian League Cup, three of Geelong's Soccer teams won their matches and only one lost.

Geelong had a fine 5-1 victory at home over Holland Park. David Fleming scored a hat-trick and Darren Tuck added two more to keep up the club's high scoring run.

Hamlyn Rangers had a confidence-boosting 3-0 win away to Springvale United, which made a great birthday present for coach, Tommy Galloway. Martin Guilfoyle got the only goal of the first half, and Darren Nelson came on as substitute to add two in the second.

Stephen McAuliffe's neat chip found Andy Munro in the clear and his cross was converted by Nelson. Nelson then robbed a Springvale defender for Hamlyn's third.

North Geelong beat Heidelberg City 2-0, also away from home.

Robert Cosic missed a penalty for North in the first half, but Wally Stojanovski intercepted a back-pass to put North ahead.

David Krasic was entrusted with North's second penalty for hand-ball in the second half and he did not miss.

The only loser was Bell Park, which took the lead against Keilor through Steve Scerri.

But Keilor's evergreen striker, Freddie Beller, scored four times and Park could only reply once when Tommy Cumming converted David Mills' shot, which rebounded from the defence.

— ROY HAY

South Melbourne Coaches

BRIAN GARVEY is in his third year as coach of South Melbourne Hellas.

It's interesting to recall the coaches who have looked after the Blues since they joined the National Soccer League in 1977.

The list reads: 1977: Manny Poulakakis and John Margaritis, 1978: David Maclaren, 1979: David Maclaren, Duncan McKay, John Margaritis, 1980/81: John Margaritis, 1982: John Margaritis, Tommy Docherty, 1983: Rale Rasic, Len McKendry, 1984/85 Len McKendry, 1986: John Margaritis, 1987/89 Brian Garvey.

Restless Renato

BRAZILIAN international striker Renato is desperate to leave Roma after only six months in Italy.

"If I had my way," he admits, "I would tear up my contract right now and get on the next plane back to Rio."

Renato is appalled by the stifling tactics used in Italy's First Division and adds: "The team just isn't playing a system geared to winning matches. Our only worry is whether our defensive system is right. This is anti-football.

"It's ultra-defensive and based on kicking opponents. People rave about the Italian League but there are only two sides over here which play proper football — Napoli and AC Milan. The rest only think about defending and kicking."

Renato might get his transfer if Roma can lure Uruguay's Enzo Francescoli from Matra Racing of Paris.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

State League wide open

CROATIA's Ampol Cup promise has not yet spread into State League potential and they face a crucial encounter on Saturday against revitalised Salisbury.

Ampol winners Croatia have lost both opening State League fixtures, the second 2-1 on Saturday against the side they conquered in the Cup final, Birkalla Eagles.

The Eagles' goals came in a first-half flurry from Eddie Briscoe and giant defender Les Maticzsak

Ante Ljubic replied from the penalty spot.

Salisbury came back from a shock opening round loss to League leader Lion to down Port 2-0 with goals from Chris Key and Sean Greaves. The Berries will be boosted by the return from suspension of Gordon Haig and Tony Gasparetto for the trip to face Croatia which will have suspended defender Rob Barone back.

The match of the day, though, should be at Hindmarsh where Hellas face Birkalla.

Peter Jaksa's side hammered the Eagles 5-0 in the Ampol Cup but Birkalla are better than that scoreline indicates and, with several former Hellas men in their ranks, will be out to reinforce the fact.

Hellas, surprisingly, were held to a 2-2 draw on Saturday by First Division new boys Azzurri and are still struggling to find the right blend from their talented squad.

Saturday should be a cliff-hanger.

Polonia are one of six unbeaten teams so far but face a real danger game against also unbowed Modbury.

Coach Steve Amos is leading Modbury from the front and a Bryan Edwards goal on Saturday was enough to see off the challenge of Bugsy Nyskohus' young Adelaide City.

The Polonia striking power of Mariusz Niewiadamski and Eddie Larka was kept at bay by Para Hills on Saturday in a dour 0-0 draw and if Modbury is similarly successful, Polonia's unbeaten tag may drop off.

Paul Smith will not play, though. He was sent off a minute after making his introduction as a substitute with four minutes to go.

Lion, under new coach Alex McKinnell, are the only side to win two in a row and they should make it three against Adelaide City. The industrious Lion recruits, class of Bernie Bridges and Charlie Stewart and goals of Elvis Markov are simply irresistible at this stage.

City will miss defender Danny Sergiacomi who was sent off for foul language.

Port slumped last weekend after an opening draw against Birkalla but showed enough fight to make life hard this week for Campbelltown.

Brian Delaney scored for the Red Devils on Saturday but they look goal-shy and goal unaware. Port, even without suspended Jimmy Turnbull, will make it hot at John Hart Rreserve.

Former Young Socceroo John Panagio was sent packing against his former side, Hellas, last weekend and will miss the Blues' tough test against Para Hills.

Para have had two uninspiring draws, but will make things awkward for the progressive and free-flowing Blues. Home advantage, though, should ensure an Azzurri win.

The Second Division cup fixtures are: Omonia v Elizabeth, Enfield v Beograd, Cumberland v Asteras, Seaford v Noarlunga.

DID YOU KNOW?

— That South Australian club Birkalla Rovers was founded in 1933?

Its achievement in winning consecutive titles in 1950-51-52 was outstanding. It also won top honours in 1944, 45, 47, and the Cup in 1938, 44, 50 and 51 before declining as ethnic-sponsored clubs took over in South Australia.

Neville Flounders outjumps Marshall Soper in the recent Adelaide City v Sydney Olympic match at Hindmarsh Stadium — JANUSZ KAMMA Pix.

WOMEN'S OCEANIA CUP — **BY GRAHAM COOKE**

Midfield fails Aussies

IT was left to the reserves to keep Australia's flag flying after the first day of the Oceania Women's Championship at Perry Park, Brisbane, on Sunday.

Australia Gold, made up of a mixture of untried juniors and older players not deemed good enough for the elite Green squad, had too many guns for a lively, but inexperienced Papua New Guinea, winning 2-0.

And it was just as well they did as, in the opening game of the competition, a lacklustre Australia Green hao been deservedly beaten 2-0 by New Zealand.

New Zealand had the better of a goal-less first half, and Australian goalkeeper Tracey Wheeler saved her side when she threw herself at the feet of the incoming Wendy Sharpe. Both players needed treatment, but were able to carry on.

Then Maureen Jacobson broke clear for the Kiwis only to skew the ball wide across the face of the goal.

It was no surprise when New Zealand took the lead six minutes into the second half. Wendi Henderson sold the dummy to Anissa Tann and smashed the ball past substitute goalkeeper Debra Bonshore.

And with time running out, Kim Nye dispossessed Julie Murray about 10 metres outside the penalty area and sent in a shot which went over the top of Bonshore's head into the net.

PNG kept Australia Gold at bay until the 28th minute with its hard running and enthusiastic tackling, but it always appeared likely that class would tell in the end.

The first goal was a triumph of teamwork. Defender Michelle Sawyers got the ball away to Jane Oakley, who did the hard work before passing on to Angela Iannotta, who finished off.

And in the second half, Nella Bertoncini was on hand to pick up the crumbs after goalkeeper Joycelene Lolowa had missed an Oakley free-kick which thudded against the bar and back into play.

The tournament was reduced to five teams on Saturday after it was learnt that the Indian Government had refused visas for its team to travel to the championship.

Trouble

Australia Green got deeper into trouble on the second day of the Oceania Women's Championship when it could only draw with its own reserve team, the Golds, 0-0.

The Greens had many more chances — all spoilt by a combination of woeful finishing and some solid work from goalkeeper Kim Schaefer — and the Golds could have won it in the second half when only a despairing, and illegal, tackle by Tanya Dyer stopped Angela Iannotta when she was through on the edge of the area.

But it was Schaefer, daughter of former Socceroo ironman Manfred, who was the star of the day for the Golds. After 18 minutes she showed great powers of recovery when she failed to gather a long ball down the middle from Linda Hughes.

The ball ran loose to Greens' captain Carol Vinson but Schaefer somehow managed to get in the way of the shot, which cannoned off the side of her face and away for a corner.

Chinese Taipei emerged as the favourite for the cup with a clinical 6-1 thrashing of Papua New Guinea.

Yu-Chuan Huang did a great deal of the damage with a first-half hat-trick, whereupon she was replaced by coach Yung-Fu Shiao.

Her absence was probably the main reason for a drop in Chinese Taipei aggression in the second spell, during which it added only one more goal.

Chinese Taipei's other scorers were Su-Jean Shien (2) and Show-Fang Chu. Geraldine Eka got PNG's consolation.

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New Zealand	1 1 0 0 2 0 2
Australia Green	2 0 1 1 0 2 1
Papua New Guinea	2 0 0 2 1 8 0

ADELAIDE WHISPERS

CAMPBELLTOWN City is negotiating to bring Legia Warsaw utility player Wojciech Jogoda to SA.

The player, who has the class to play in several roles, impressed the Red Devils during their end-of-season trip to Poland last year.

Meanwhile, nearer home, coach John Perin is predicting a big future for young Tony Scalzi.

"He impressed in the reserves last week, and really should break into the First Division side this season if he continues to develop," said Perin.

★★★

FIRST Division new boys Port Adelaide United may face the crunch this year but it looks as if they will have a super last line in defence.

Goalkeeper Ric Migliaccio was in heroic form in Port's opening 2-2 draw with Birkalla Eagles.

His opposing coach, Neil McGachey, described some of his moves, including a parry from a volley from just six metres out, as "unbelievable".

Yugoslav striker Vojislav Glusevic looks a threat at the other end. He bagged both goals against the Eagles.

★★★

THE State League season in SA got off to a flashpoint start.

Colin Miller (Hellas), Gareth Naven (Adelaide City) and Gordon Haig (Salisbury) were sent off and there was an avalanche of bookings.

The action, ironically, occurred a day after State League coaches and team managers held a "clear the air" meeting with local refs and officials.

Hellas and City connections did not turn up at the meeting.

★★★

BUGSY Nyskohus is an old head among new young Lions at Adelaide City.

The NSL veteran now coaches the State League side and has some outstanding teenage talent under his guidance.

Paul Pozos is just one of many tipped to make a big breakthrough.

Joe Barbara, Chris White and Ross Aloisi also may be stars in the making.

★★★

BIRKALLA Eagles have welcomed back Alby Briscoe to training.

Striker Briscoe has reconsidered a decision to retire after returning from a break in England.

He will add to the pressure for first team spots at Camden.

Charlie Lamont also should be back in the fold after returning from a year's spell with Campbelltown.

★★★

ALEX McKinnell is the new boss of USC Lion-Grange.

He takes over from Bernie Bridges, who quit last month to concentrate on playing.

McKinnell has had previous involvement with Cumberland, Seaford, Brighton and Beograd.

New Lion signing Elvis Markey was right in tune in his state League debut with the Grange boys.

He captured both goals in a 2-0 win against Salisbury.

★★★

CROATIA is going through a bad trot with injuries.

Defender Slavko Cofuca is three weeks away from fitness from a groin injury he suffered in the Ampol Cup final.

His deputy, Danny Stepic, also was sidelined with a broken nose.

Croatia, though beaten in their opener against Hellas, look a competitive side with a potent forward line including Ante Ljubic, who has added steel to his style this season.

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Berries mum on import

SALISBURY is in the hunt to bring a former Scottish international striker here for four guest games.

But the club is not saying just who he is until negotiations are ironed out.

The Berries' tough defender Tim Brown, meanwhile, is likely to join Queensland club Taringa Rovers.

He has gone to Brisbane in a business venture.

The Berries also have unveiled a new all-blue strip which really is catching the eye.

NORTHERN NSW

News and Views

FROM DAVE WILLIAMS

Talent Identification in country centres

THE 1989 Northern NSW Federation State Talent Identification Championships in the six divisions from under-12 to under-18 will be played in country centres.

Teams involved in the championships will vie for honours over the long weekend of June 10, 11 and 12.

The under-12s will play at Laurieton; under-13s at Taree; under-14s at Coffs Harbour; under-15s at Armidale; under-16s at Murwillumbah and under-18s at Tamworth.

State Director of Coaching Ken Kaiser, who arrived home last week after completing a coaching commitment at Vanuatu for the Oceania Football Confederation, has the task this week of recommending coaches for the Newcastle and Coalfields squads.

The appointment of country coaches will follow.

Later this year, four country age grade teams will undertake a tour to Victoria.

The teams — under 13, 14, 15 and 16 — will play in Geelong during the first week of the September school holidays.

Maitland Magpies aim to peck neighbours Rutherford in Cup

NEAR neighbours Maitland and Rutherford meet on April 4 in a quarter-final match of the West End Knockout Cup competition being conducted by the Edgeworth club.

Second Division Maitland progressed to the quarter-finals with a 2-0 win over Newcastle Olympic, from the Fourth Division.

Rutherford and Marks Point, both Fifth Division teams, remained locked together at 0-0 in their struggle to determine which would move into the last eight teams in the tournament.

But Rutherford removed all doubt with three goals in extra-time and will now look towards causing an upset win over Maitland Magpies to gain a place in the semi-finals.

Meanwhile, the Weston pre-season tournament reached the semi-final stage last Monday, when the 1988 premier, Adamstown Rosebud, met Cardiff and Weston took on Belmont-Swansea United.

However, due to heavy rain at the weekend, the games have been postponed to Friday night.

The first game at Weston will kick off at 6.30pm.

PAUL MAMO (Gladesville)

Turner Cup originated from Newcastle group

THE Commonwealth Bank-sponsored Bill Turner Cup knockout competition for players aged 15 years and under continues to grow numerically and in stature.

A group of teachers formed an organisation known as "Northern NSW Schools Soccer" and introduced the competition in 1979.

The competition began with 34 entries from State and Independent schools in the Hunter area and a cup donated by a Newcastle businesswoman, Mrs Fay Budd.

A Sydney competition started for 15-year-olds by John Moscovis eventually became a full part of the main competition and the limit of 64 teams was lifted.

With continual financial support annually from the Northern NSW Soccer Federation and periodically from other sponsors, the cup competition has gone from strength to strength.

So much so that presently well over 400 teams from Northern NSW (1979), NSW (1980), ACT (1982), Queensland (1987) and Victoria (1988) are involved.

Over that period, there have been only three senior co-ordinators for the competition, namely, Bill Turner, Barry Kemp and Terry Hampton.

As a result of 10 years of handling, the condition of the original trophy deteriorated to the stage where Mrs Budd has agreed to the Commonwealth Bank buying a suitable replacement.

Gladesville home

BY MICHAEL DEANE

Gladesville-Hornsby edged out a tough Mt Druitt Town 2-1 *at Francis Park on* Sunday.

Gladesville winger Paul Mamo struck in the 29th minute lobbing Town's keeper Kevin Farrer.

From the halftime kickoff Gladesville went all out to increase their lead.

But Town's rearguard held and to their credit broke down many Gladesville attacks.

Then back came Gladesville.

Their ever reliable Graeme Williamson burst into Town's penalty area to play a good ball across the goalface in the 65th minute.

Robbie McKeegan nipped in and crashed home the ball.

Ten minutes from the end former Melita Eagles star Wayne Farnsworth pulled one back with his lethal right from 25m.

DOCKERTY CUP

First main round

Caulfield 1 v Knox City 2, Box Hill 0 v Mordialloc 1, Maribyrnong 2 v Heidelberg City 1, Thomastown 2 v Essendon City 0, Bulleen 3 v Werribee 1, St Albans 2 v Juventus 3 AET, Fawkner 0 v Brighton 1, Springvale City 3 v Albion 1, Croydon City 3 v Keilor 1, Ringwood City 2g5p v Green Gully 2g3p, Western Suburbs v Moorabbin NA, Northcote City v Mooroolbark NA, Oakleigh 1 v Clayton 3, Frankston Pines 4 v Westgate 2 AET, Altona Gate 2 v Geelong 1, Morwell Falcons 2 v Bell Park 1.

An entertaining scoreless draw

2ND AND 3RD DIVISIONS

NEW SOUTH WALES

BY PAUL GOODWIN

TWO of the division's more consistent sides played out an entertaining 0-0 draw at Bensley Road on Saturday night with Meadow showing plenty of enterprise for the better part of the game.

Antoine Avellino in the Vikings goal pulled off three top saves as the South Coast side peppered the Campbelltown goal with a series of long-range shots.

Towards the end, Campbelltown moved into top gear with Ian Wotherspoon coming closest to breaking the deadlock in the 70th minute.

Stevens and Stantown also missed good chances, while Peter Willis provided the visitors' best opening from a header which went narrowly wide.

Meadow's continuing solid form should see them through against a disappointing North Shore United at Brandown Park on Sunday.

The Vikings will be back at Bensley Field to take on unbeaten Dulwich Hill on Saturday and spectators can expect a game of high quality.

Dulwich Hill entertained Bathurst at St George Stadium and were soon in front.

Ian Gillan set up Chris Harris and in a split-second, top scorer Sergio Barros had the ball in the roof of the net after just four minutes.

Five minutes later Zeliko Beres provided the final pass as Ivo Oliveira applied the finishing touches to a move which was started again by Harris.

Bathurst applied themselves to the task and when Gaffney's goalkick for Dulwich Hill was delivered without much power, Adrian Pickup was quick to react and laid a square ball to Graham Ross who finished neatly from close range.

A high cross from Mark Rooke had Peter Ahrens in all sorts of trouble and under pressure from Ross. The ball was put over the line by defender Zaja Jabraiel off the post as he attempted to clear.

With Bathurst now level and less than half an hour to play it needed a renewed effort by the home side and Barros did not let them down applying a clinical touch to a ball from Beres in another move started by Harris.

Gary Bateman pounced on the ball in the 88th minute and strolled through to make it 4-2 after Barros, twice, and Beres had both gone close.

A plucky effort by '75, who gave the Madeira side a run for their money and can look forward to perhaps their first win when they face Yugal at the weekend.

Chances

Granville-Chile paid a visit to Jensen Park on Sunday and did well to hold Sydney Macedonia to 0-1, the goal coming in the 70th minute through Sasha Spiroski.

Willie Piriz and Andy Ferris both had good chances for the visitors, for whom goalie Julio Lobos was in sparkling form.

Macedonia have to play neighbours Bankstown at Potts Park in what shapes up as a great derby game.

Bankstown did go down 0-1 to Yugal, but piled on the pressure for most of the second half and only some solid defence by the Blues kept them at bay.

Darren James and Robbie Thompson again looked sharp, but could not do enough to cancel out the goal from Wally Apanian scored just before halftime, following a corner as Yugal registered their second win in a row.

Despite the heavy rain in Sydney Waverley finally got into the action on Saturday, but would have done better not to, as Manly-Warringah, thanks to Mark Butler and Bobby Geoghegan, went home winners.

Waverley will want to make up for lost time when they meet Granville-Chile, but Manly could be the first side to bring Gladesville-Hornsby undone at Cromer on Saturday.

Gladesville maintained their unbeaten run on Sunday and this other derby match should create a lot of interest.

Orange Waratah came within a whisker of a second home win when they led North Shore United 2-1 going into injury time, but substitute Neal Hunter put paid to that when he blasted the ball into the roof of the net following a corner on the left as United surged forward in stoppage time.

Orange had taken the lead against the run of play in the 24th minute from the head of Darren Sinclair.

Campbelltown Vikings 0 Fairy Meadow United 0, Waverley 0 Manly-Warringah 2 (Butler, Geohegan), Orange Waratah 2 (D Sinclair, Jones) North Shore United 2 (Bennett, N Hunter), Sydney Macedonia 1 (Spiroski) Granville-Chile 0, SSC Yugal 1 (Apanian) Bankstown 0, Gladesville-Hornsby 2 (Mamo, McKegan) Mount Druitt Town 1 (Farnsworth), Dulwich Hill 4 (Barros 2, Oliveira, Bateman) Bathurst '75 2 (Ross, Jabrail og).

Leading scorers; 7 Sergio Barros (DH), Robbie McKegan (GH), 3 Dave White (B), Fabian Kadric (SM), Mark Butler (MW).

2ND AND 3RD DIVISIONS

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Sydney Mace	4	3	1	0	7	2 7
Dulwich Hill	3	3	0	0	12	5 6
Fairy Meadow	4	2	2	0	6	2 6
Gladesville Hby	4	2	2	0	7	5 6
SSC Yugal	4	2	1	1	6	4 5
Campbelltown Vk	4	1	2	1	5	3 4
Manly Warringah	4	2	0	2	8	9 4
Orange Waratah	4	1	2	1	7	8 4
Bankstown	4	2	0	2	4	5 4
North Shore Utd	3	0	2	1	5	6 2
Mount Druitt	3	0	1	2	2	5 1
Granville Chile	3	0	1	2	1	5 1
Waverley	2	0	0	2	1	4 0
Bathurst '75	4	0	0	4	3	11 0

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Campbelltown Vk	4	3	1	0	9	4 7
Manly Warringah	4	3	0	1	11	5 6
Orange Waratah	4	2	1	1	7	5 5
Gladesville Hby	4	2	1	1	3	2 5
Bathurst '75	4	2	1	1	17	17 5
Bankstown	4	2	0	2	19	7 4
Mount Druitt	3	1	1	1	4	3 3
Waverley	2	1	1	0	3	2 3
North Shore Utd	3	1	1	1	4	4 3
Granville Chile	3	1	1	1	2	2 3
Sydney Macedonia	4	1	1	2	4	7 3
Dulwich Hill	3	1	0	2	5	7 2
SSC Yugal	4	0	1	3	2	9 1
Fairy Meadow	4	0	0	4	3	19 0

FED. LEAGUE 3 GR 1

Rosebery Portugal	2	2	0	0	6	2 4
Central Coast	2	2	0	0	3	0 4
Port Hacking	2	1	0	1	12	2 2
Southern Dists	1	1	0	0	2	0 2
Mt Pritchard	2	1	0	1	4	3 2
Rooty Hill W/Utd	2	1	0	1	3	5 2
Concordia	2	1	0	1	5	6 2
Uni. of NSW	2	1	0	1	2	3 2
Hills Utd	2	0	1	1	3	4 1
Moorebank L'pool	2	0	1	1	2	3 1
Canterbury & Dist	2	0	0	2	3	7 0
Blacktown United	1	0	0	1	0	12 0

FED. LEAGUE 3 GR 2

Rosebery Portugal	2	2	0	0	13	0 4
Central Coast	2	2	0	0	10	3 4
Hills United	2	2	0	0	7	1 4
Mt Pritchard	2	1	0	1	5	5 2
Rooty Hill W/Utd	2	1	0	1	4	5 2
Concordia	2	1	0	1	5	7 2
Uni of NSW	2	1	0	1	3	5 2
Port Hacking	2	1	0	1	1	9 2
Blacktown Utd	1	0	0	1	0	1 0
Southern Dists	1	0	0	1	0	2 0
Canterbury & Dist	2	0	0	2	1	4 0
Moorebank L'pool	2	0	0	2	1	8 0

ENGLISH REVIEW

MIKE TICHER EXAMINES THE PROS — AND PARTICULARLY THE CONS — OF ESTABLISHING AN ENGLISH SUPER LEAGUE

'Minnows' put super league on hold

IN the past few years there has been one topic of conversation in English football which has simply refused to go away — the idea of a 'Super League'.

Like a disagreeable relative, it has reappeared time and time again, just when everyone thought it had been safely got rid of.

Last (northern) summer, the concept sprang rudely into the headlines once again, with a helping hand from ITV, who initially saw it as an integral part of their proposed new TV deal.

One of the problems with trying to discuss the Super League rationally — and the volume of rubbish written and spoken on the subject is astounding — is that it has meant different things, at different times, to different people.

All versions involve a slimmed-down version of the First Division, but they differ on how many teams this should contain, how they should be chosen, and whether or not there should be scope for promotion and relegation.

Many reasons have been put forward in support of the various proposals, perhaps the most common being that the English national team would benefit if the top players had fewer league games to occupy themselves with.

The example of countries such as Italy and West Germany (both now with 18-team Premier Divisons) was widely invoked for many years.

However, this line of argument has become less and less noticeable in recent years, as it has dawned on the League's top clubs (who naturally enough are the main proponents of a Super League), that fewer teams means fewer matches, and therefore less money coming in at the gate.

And this, rather than any altruistic concerns for the health of the game nationally, is the mainspring of the Super League debate — money.

This rather grubby fact of football life became glaringly obvious when the Super League ideas first came somewhere near to becoming reality, in 1986.

Faced with declining attendances and TV interest, the top dozen or so clubs decided that they were subsidising the rest of the League to an unacceptable extent.

They reasoned in particular that the clubs which were regularly shown on TV should keep more of the money paid by the TV companies for coverage rights, instead of sharing it with the smaller clubs (from which, of course, most of their players originated).

Coventry City had their moment of glory in 1987 when they won the FA Cup. Here Gary Mabbutt has just deflected into his goal to give City a 3-2 semifinal win over Tottenham.

The answer, they believed, was to form their own League, consisting only of those clubs with big followings, regardless of the current status of the team.

The fact that so many 'big' clubs have contrived to produce thoroughly mediocre teams in the last decade or so was not seen as a hindrance.

The list of famous, well-supported clubs who have surrendered to the clammy grip of Division Two (and below in some cases) in the last 10-15 years is a lengthy one — you could start with Wolves, Sunderland, Newcastle, Chelsea, West Ham, Aston Villa, Leeds, Manchester City, Tottenham, Manchester United.

No pressure

So when the Super League proposal first pushed itself into the spotlight, its champions decided to eliminate this unfortunate element of chance by doing away with the troublesome matter of relegation in their new paradise.

Few could argue with any conviction that such an uncompetitive arrangement would do anything but harm to English football, particularly the 75 or so clubs excluded from the plans of the elite.

The money motive was out in the open.

As it turned out, the threat from the big clubs was enough in itself to secure most of what they wanted.

In return for their agreement to stay within the current framework, significant changes were brought in to the League's financial structure.

Division One clubs took a greater share of TV and sponsorship money, and gate money reverted solely to the home club in League matches, whereas previously it had been split — a move which obviously favoured the better-supported clubs.

> Support for the underdog is an enduring tradition

In addition, they were given greater voting strength within the League, and the process of reducing the First Division to 20 clubs (now complete) was begun.

The inevitable outcome was that the rich got richer, and the poor, already battling against grim odds, were left to survive how they could, or go to the wall.

However, a delicious hint of irony has accompanied this shift of financial power within the game.

While the Tottenhams and Manchester Uniteds have augmented their already massive wealth (their Manchester Uniteds have augmented their already massive wealth (their chairmen, Irving Scholar and Martin Edwards, have been prime movers in all the Super League plans), they have manifestly failed to transfer this superiority to the playing side.

On the contrary, the last few years have seen an almost unprecedented rise in the fortunes of the less fashionable, and even downright threadbare clubs.

Wimbledon's astonishing rise to the First Division and their 1988 FA Cup triumph are only the most extreme manifestation of this phenomenon.

Luton, on crowds of around 8,000, have reached two successive Littlewoods Cup finals, and third place in the League in 1987/88.

Oxford, Q.P.R., and Norwich have also contested Littlewoods finals, while Coventry's 1987 FA Cup final win was an achievement surpassed only by Wimbledon the following year.

This season, of course, Millwall and Norwich have successfully challenged their so-called superiors in the League, while three Super League hangers-on, Sheffield Wednesday, Newcastle and West Ham, languish at the bottom.

It is a gratifying sight for those who still believe that football is about more than money, and that the very fluidity of the League is not only one of its great attractions, but its very lifeblood.

The Super League has not gone away.

The obstinacy of ITV in insisting that the public wants to see only the Big Five (despite declining viewing figures) ensures that the possibility is not yet dead.

However, the greed of the top clubs and their inadequate performances on the field (by their own standards) have been seen for what they are.

A return to Europe for English clubs would probably be the final spur needed to kill the idea (because of the added revenue it would provide), if the new money from TV has not already done so.

Support for the underdog is an enduring and commendable Soccer tradition, and clubs at the lower end of the scale have stubbornly refused to lie down and die as many expected they would in the 80s.

The basic structure of the League survives, despite the advent of promotion play-offs (one of the by-products of the Super League debate), and increased attendances in the lower divisions and non-league football prove that people still want to see Soccer at *all* levels.

Tradition and sentiment remain powerful emotions in Soccer, thank goodness, because if pure money was to be the winner — and that would be the real meaning of a Super League — the game that so many have known and loved in England would be gone for ever.

— MIKE TICHER

In Brief

MANCHESTER UNITED are chasing Sweden's Player of the Year, Glenn Hysen, who plays for Italian Fiorentina. Rangers and Chelsea are also after the brilliant defender, who makes no secret of the fact that he wants to play in Britain when his contract expires in June. It would probably take a cool $3 million to snare him.

★★★

QUEENS PARK Rangers are the front-runners in the race to sign ex-England international Clive Allen from Bordeaux. The former Tottenham striker's future in France is in doubt following the club's signing of Eric Cantona.

★★★

WELSH manager Terry Yorath has been invited to talk about a long-term contract with the Welsh FA. He has been filling in on a temporary basis.

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ENGLISH FANS GO BANANAS

[THE following article covers the latest craze in English football. Written by Paul Martin, we acknowledge with thanks to the Sydney Morning Herald.]

LONDON: English Soccer has gone bananas. This season the country's football grounds are often awash with yellow, as fans hoist aloft huge inflatable bananas, waving them to the familiar chants of "Here We Go" and "We're Going to Wembley".

Plastic inflatable bananas have become a national craze that defies rational explanation. It began when a few fans at a Manchester City match took it into their heads to bring along a few of these objects.

Fans all over the country have followed fruit.

This is not the first time bananas have been in evidence at British Soccer matches. Some years back white racists would throw bananas (unpeeled or peeled) on to the pitch to demonstrate their displeasure when a black player got the ball. The implication was: "You're a monkey, we don't need you."

Black players say racial abuse, though still experienced, has declined as more and more coloured players join the professional ranks. But the current outbreak of bananas, of the inflatable kind, appears to be totally benign.

The fans' appetites have grown and the inflatable industry, to the delight of the manufacturers, has diversified. Now monkeys, pigs, skeletons, spiders, the Pink Panther, a giant cigarette, black puddings, giraffes and King Kong are to be seen waving in support of the bemused men on the pitch.

In the recent televised Football Association Cup match between holders Wimbledon and Grimsby, a fishing port, the visiting fans turned up brandishing inflatable haddock — the club's nickname is The Mariners.

Chelsea supporters jumped into the act by waving sticks of celery from the terraces. Their tenuous rationale is that the chant of "Chelsea" can sound like "celery, celery".

Elsewhere, fans of the lowly but heroic Bristol City arrived wearing plastic fangs — a tribute to the notoriously "biting" play of their 38-year-old player-manager Joe Jordan, the former Manchester United and Scotland star.

Now, though, attempts are being made to squash the banana craze and similar madcap trends. First Division leaders Arsenal have imposed a ban on the waving or carrying of the bananas or other inflatables.

"These things are an irritation — they block the views of other spectators," explained a stuffy Arsenal spokesman.

The crucial league match at Highbury against third-placed Millwall turned out to be as colourless as the now banana-less terraces: a goalless draw. But the ban did not prevent the Arsenal club shop-selling the prohibited items at $8 each.

Arsenal's ban is of course fully justified. The waving of these inflatables was actually making watching Soccer fun again. This is surely not to be tolerated. As Bill Shankly once said: "Soccer is not a matter of life and death, it's much more important than that!"

Not only were fans beginning to have a really good time, it appears they were actually behaving better. Police reported that there seemed to be fewer incidents of violence at matches were the crowds were waving bananas.

Might Britain's hooligan problem have been on the decline? Arsenal are trying to prevent us finding out if the inflatable bubble had to be burst.

The Editor

WHEN you examine what is going on in other codes on the field of play, it becomes crystal-clear that the National Soccer League's 1988 move to clean up Soccer's image was a very worthwhile exercise.

Soccer starts with the advantage over the rugby codes that it is a cleaner and more open game.

In addition, even a cursory glance at the television will show that Soccer has the upper hand in this respect over Australian rules as well.

So Soccer has the double advantage — a clean sport as well as a clean-up campaign going for it.

Rugby League recently launched a huge TV campaign to popularise its sport, using that American vocalist Tina Turner to do the upfront merchandising.

But something seems to have gone awry, if last week's episodes are meaningful.

It is a more than interesting exercise to quote from the one-time Soccer writer Brian Curran's report in last Monday's Sydney Morning Herald.

"According to Tina Turner, what you get is what you see. That is, of course, unless you get gouged, in which case you can't see much at all.

"Gouging does not appear in the NSW Rugby League's glossy new $2 million television commercial; nor does a forearm to the neck.

"But yesterday, these charges were the talking points of Rugby League after controversial matches in which Newcastle prop Peter Johnston (gouging) was sent off in the 22-20 loss to Balmain, and Brisbane skipper Wally Lewis (forearm to the neck) was sent off in the 22-18 win over Manly.

"The NSWRL judiciary committee will have a busy night tomorrow (Tuesday) because Balmain halfback Gary Freeman is also named in referee Bill Harrigan's report on an allegation of gouging after Newcastle captain Sam Stewart had stopped play to report a second-half incident involving prop Mark Sargent.

"And, if the video evidence is conclusive, Balmain will lodge a report over a tackle in which prop Steve Edmed sustained a broken jaw which is expected to keep him out for two months.

"Harrigan sent off Johnston in the 61st minute on a charge of "attacking the head of an opponent" but confirmed that he would specifically charge Johnston with gouging in his evidence to the judiciary."

ASW is not in the business of forecasting what the outcome of a rugby league judiciary meeting would be. A player or players might get let off — or might not.

But there must be a strong feeling abroad that Soccer has advantages for both the watching public and the players, no matter at which level they perform.

On the entertainment level, Soccer has to continue to get its act together more and more.

On the general playing level, it is up to all states to ensure that as many as possible are brought into the game, and kept there.

There is ample evidence that some states have no idea how this can be done. What is the Australian Soccer Federation doing to put together a seminar in which the amateur and junior people can be encouraged.

This week, on the international field, Australia faces New Zealand in what will be a mighty encounter of tremendous World Cup significance.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY joins with soccer fans right across Australia to wish them the very best of results, followed by a second dose of the same when they meet Israel in the return game at Sydney Football Stadium on Sunday April 16.

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

MELBOURNE referee John Santa Isabel has come to the fore in NSL ranks this year.

In this Carmelo Bazzanno's photo he is giving a clear direction to the players at a recent match.

His first choice is to be gentle — but firm — and to address players by their first names, aiming to get respect from them at all times.

Warringah Freshwater Youth League

YOUNGSTERS of the Warringah Freshwater Youth League teams had a marvellous night at the club's Youth Presentation dinner.

The function was at the lavish Port Villa Receptions in Dee Why.

In attendance were three prominent guests in national coach Frank Arok, Vic Dalgleish and David Lee.

Vic Dalgleish is coach of the Australian under 16 team to play in the world championships in Scotland in June, while David Lee is the NSW Director of Coaching.

Frank Arok gave the huge assembly a rundown on the national team, pointing out that there are 18 Australian players currently in Europe and that there are fat contracts to be won by today's crop of youngsters.

David Lee said: "Heredity and environment play a big part in the career of a player.

"But the point that overrides all others is the character of the player.

"In the first place we don't look for skill . . . that can be provided as long as he has some ability.

"The player has to accept responsibility, no matter whether mistakes are made or there is glory for him or his team.

"He has to be the eternal optimist, doing his job just as well no matter whether his team is four goals up or four down.

"Get on with the job, and never abuse a teammate."

Dalgleish stressed the need for players to develop flexibility of bodily movment as well as a high degree of mobility.

"If there is one thing lacking in Australian football, it is some high-class Brazilian coaches," he said.

"They would add an extra dimension to what we already have available."

"Fixtures for the under-10 to under-12 age group will be drawn up by the Federation, but there will be no knockout cup competitions from this season.

"We want games in those age groups to be more trial and less competitive, and to be used to foster the development of young players."

Any club found using over-age players, however, will be "severely dealt with" by the Federation.

That could include being banned for the rest of the season.

"Education authorities and other sporting bodies were amazed we were using registration cards for kids that age," said Wells.

"We felt it was better to do without them and develop kids in a less competitive environment."

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO (News of 1974)

- ☐ Joe Wilson, the former Wolverhampton and Workington defender who joined George Cross in mid-1973, was appointed player coach.
- ☐ Walter Valeri scored two goals to enable an ACT XI to draw 2-2 with visiting Persija Jakarta, of Indonesia, at Manuka Oval, Canberra.
- ☐ Ajax Amsterdam thrashed AC Milan 6-0 to win the European Super Cup on a 6-1 aggregate.
- ☐ Former Scottish international fullback Jock Aird signed as coach of Melita Eagles. Aird starred for Hakoah in the late 1950s after appearing for Scotland in the 1954 World Cup finals in Switzerland.

Gabbie has prospects

FROM ROBERT BROOKS

IN reply to Mike Johnson's recent remarks about various ground facilities, I would like to comment on his rather ill-founded remarks about the home of Blacktown City — Gabbie Stadium.

First of all I would like to draw Mike's attention to a dictionary meaning of the word "STADIUM" — "An enclosed athletic or sports field with tiered seating".

The Gabbie is enclosed and has tiered seating for approximately 1750 spectators along one side and walkway behind where many spectators prefer to stand.

The other three sides are well grassed and banked.

Many supporters prefer to bring their own folding seats, mostly in the club colours of red, white and black and sit in their favourite spot.

The canteen serves the usual fare, plus high-class steak sandwiches and, most importantly as a mtter of club policy, NO ALCOHOL!

Family groups always feel comfortable at the Demons' games.

The press box holds the ground announcer, plus seats for Soccer writers.

The TV tower provides protection from the weather.

The ABC equipment vehicle can park right under this tower, and technicians have always passed positive comment on this convenience.

The changing rooms provide the basic necessities but the physio's quarters are large and very well equipped.

The players have their own tiered seating in their own enclosure. Players and match officials can enter or exit the field of play without fear of interference from spectators.

At various other Sydney grounds this is not the case.

In Melbourne, at Olympic Village, home of Heidelberg, spectators can certainly interfere as officials and play-ers enter and leave the park.

The ground is FULLY PAID FOR AND OWNED BY BLACKTOWN CITY SOCCER CLUB.

It has always been Blacktown's policy to pay for improvements as they are done.

Because the club owns the ground, it makes it almost impossible to obtain Blacktown City Council, State Government or Federal Government grants for stadium improvements.

However, Blacktown City Soccer Club is having active and positive discussions with the Council of the City of Blacktown to come up with a development plan for Gabbie Stadium.

This would include a covered stand on the North Bank and floodlighting.

We only hope that the expenditure the club puts into this ground can be justified by future improvements generally throughout the code.

Blacktown City Demons are proud of the Gabbie Stadium and look forward with confidence to playing there for a very long time.

NEW-LOOK MINI-COLTS

MINI-Colts teams this season will not be registered with the SA Soccer Federation.

The decision affects teams in the under-10 to under-12 age groups inclusive.

SASF general secretary Mike Wells said the registration of those age groups had posed enormous administrative problems for the Federation.

"Something needed to be done, and Alex Kosmina, chairman of the Junior Colts Management Committee, has taken the bull by the horns and decided that teams from those age groups will not be registered by this office," he said.

"The consensus of clubs contacted about the matter were in favour of the move.

"We want to get more credibility into Soccer here, with more attention being directed to the 14-16 age groups from which our Soccer potential will develop.

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ROUND 1 SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

DIVISION 1			
Ku-ring-gai	v	Apia Leichhardt	Parklands Oval
Blacktown City	v	Bankstown Assn	Gabbie Stadium
Syd. Olympic	v	Canterbury M'ville	E.S. Marks Field
St George BSC	v	Nepean Assn	Peakhurst Park
Marconi	v	Illawarra	Marconi Stadium
Sydney Croatia	v	Canterbury Dist.	Allambie Reserve
Melita Eagles	v	Sutherland Shire	Melita Stadium
DIVISION 2			
Avala	v	Southern Districts	Knight Park
SSC Yugal	v	Central Coast	Mona Park
Rockdale Ilinden	v	Blacktown Assn	Mahony Oval
Macarthur Assn	v	Penrith Uruguay	Lynwood Park
Gladesville H'by	v	Manly Warringah	Pioneer Park
Polonia	v	Warringah F'water	Chopin Park

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DATE		Y/LEAGUE DIVISIONS 1	Y/LEAGUE DIVISIONS 2	METRO REPS	NATIONAL TITLES	STATE CUP	STATE TITLES	CHAMP/ CHAMPS
March	31st Fri					Nominations Close		
April	1st Sat	1	1					
	8th Sat	2	2					
	9th Sun	3	3					
	15th Sat	4	4					
	22nd Sat	5	5					Draw Issued
	25th Tue	6	6					
	29th Sat	7	7					
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	18th Sun			7		Round 3		
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	22nd Sat	24	20					
	23rd Sun			12				
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	20th Sun			SF				
	26th Sat	SF	SF					
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Progression for cadet referees

WHEN someone wants to be a referee, where do they go and what are the steps to becoming a State League referee and then reach the ultimate goal; FIFA referee?

How long is all this going to take?

Let us follow an application from a 14-year-old who decides to give refereeing a go.

First, he finds out which "Double A" branch of the referees' services the area where he is playing Soccer.

Having made contact, he will then be advised of the arrangements for the next referees' course for that branch.

He will then be required to attend a number of lectures, (the number varies from branch to branch), followed by an examination on the laws of the game.

They were compiled by the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation. He will be required to achieve a 75% pass mark.

Let me assure you that every effort is made to help him achieve a pass, but he must put some effort into studying the referees' chart.

For anybody that has trouble reading or writing English this, and all examinations, can be done orally.

The next step for our new referee, if he has passed his exam, is to undergo a field inspection.

This means that he will be asked to referee a game and someone from the referees' organisation will be watching his performance.

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He will make mistakes, but provided he is prepared to try, it will be recommended that he be accepted as a member.

He will then be registered with the AASRF NSW Division as a Class 4 referee and issued with a certificate.

There is no further regrading available to him until he turns 18 years of age.

During the time until he is 18 he will receive instruction from his branch and will be encouraged to continue as a referee.

Many branches have annual awards for their junior referees to strive for as well as earning the honour of refereeing grand finals of the lead competition.

In his effort to better himself he can set his sights on being his branch's representative in the State under 18 referees' competition, with a chance from there to compete in the national referees' competition as the NSW representative.

At last he has reached 18 years of age and can now ask to be considered for re-grading to Class 3.

Next week, we will follow our referee through to his class 3 certificate.

— Ron Beaumont

Bradley playing at Bury

PATRICK Bradley, a former junior with Marconi and Sydney City as well as being a NSW junior representative, is settling in well with Bury FC.

The club is currently standing in third place on the English Third Division table.

One of Australia's crop of up-and-coming players, Patrick is committing himself very well in his first season of professional football.

He plays in both the reserve team and in the "A" team (U19) and has played centre midfield, left midfield and recently as sweeper.

Playing against the likes of Everton, Liverpool, Manchester United and Blackburn Rovers has ensured that he learns quickly with every game.

His coach, ex-England international Ray Pointer, predicts a good future for him if he continues to learn and improve.

His biggest thrill to date was being voted "Man of the Match" in a recent game against Manchester United, who had another Aussie prospect in Mark Bosnich in goal.

Patrick was congratulated by Mark and Mark's coach, Brian Kidd (ex-Manchester United and Arsenal), after the game for his fine display.

Patrick Bradley

As well as his good performance on the field, Patrick is currently on top of his class for the compulsory college course which is part of his training.

He turns 17 in April, and will be back home in Sydney for his English summer break from May 15 until his return on July 6 for pre-season training.

YOUTH START

THE Sydney Branch UMBRO Youth League kicks off this weekend with a full round of games in both Divisions 1 and 2.

While the First Division has remained a 14-team competition , the Second has been reduced to 12 due to the amalgamation of Bankstown Association and North Bankstown to become Bankstown United Association, and also the joining of forces of Campbelltown and Macarthur Associations.

Families involved with Second Division will find that no games are scheduled for the weekend of June 10/11 although there could be catch-up matches.

Provided everything goes to plan, the quarter-finals of the UMBRO Youth League will be staged on Saturday, August 19, with the semi-finals the following week and the finals to be played on Saturday, September 2.

Lineker wins Barca reprieve

GARY LINEKER seems set to stay at Barcelona for another season — but only because manager Johan Cruyff will have to wait that long before finally landing 1988 European Player of the Year Marco van Basten.

Cruyff has offered AC Milan $14 million for their brilliant Dutch striker, who would automatically take Lineker's place in the Barcelona side, but the Italians don't want to sell — and who can blame them?

Indeed, Milan president Silvio Berlusconi, the media magnate, has threatened to bring charges against Barcelona for continually approaching a player under contract.

Now Cruyff is reluctantly prepared to wait until 1990 before getting his countryman.

"Marco has decided not to extend his contract, which ends before the start of the 1990 World Cup finals, and it is now up to Berlusconi to decide whether he wishes to retain the player against his wishes or obtain a big fee by transferring him a year earlier," Cruyff said.

CONCACAF QUALIFIERS

THESE are the match dates for the final CONCACAF qualifying round which will see two countries from Central and North America qualify for the World Cup finals.

The emerging United States (third in the FIFA Indoor World Cup and a semi-finalist in the recent Youth World Cup) and El Salvador are the favourites.

Mexico are barred from international competition until 1990.

19-3-89: Guatemala — Costa Rica 1-0
2- 4-89: Costa Rica — Guatemala
16- 4-89: Costa Rica — USA
30- 4-89: USA — Costa Rica
18- 5-89: USA — Trinidad-Tobago
28- 5-89: Trinidad — Tobago-Costa Rica
10- 6-89: USA — Guatemala
11- 6-89: Costa Rica — Trinidad-Tobago
25- 6-89: Salvador — Costa Rica
9- 7-89: Salvador — USA
16- 7-89: Costa Rica — Salvador
30- 7-89: Trinidad — Tobago-Salvador
13- 8-89: Salvador — Trinidad-Tobago
30- 8-89: Guatemala — Trinidad-Tobago
3- 9-89: Trinidad — Tobago-Guatemala
8-10-89: Guatemala — United States
5-11-89: USA — Salvador
19-11-89: Trinidad — Tobago-USA
Guatemala — Salvador
26-11-89 Salvador — Guatemala

- **Mechelen's Belgian Player of the Year, Leo Clijsters, has re-signed for three seasons.**
- PSV Eindhoven have signed 22-year-old Bert Verhagen from VV Venlo to replace the injured Nielsen and Koot, who are out for the rest of the season.

THE WORLD

- Former Yugoslav international goalkeeper Zoran Simovic has renewed his contract with crack Turkish club Galatasaray for two more seasons. Simovic's last game for Yugoslavia was in the 1984 European Championship in St Etienne when Michael Platini scored the three French goals that sunk Yugoslavia 3-2.
- **Enzo Scifo, the Italian-born Belgian international loaned by Inter Milan to Bordeaux, is likely to play in Switzerland next season — with Servette, of Geneva.**
- Another top foreign player will be quitting his French club next season. Colombian striker Carlos Valderrama will leave Montpellier for Elche, currently in last place in the Spanish First Division.
- **Norman Whiteside began his comeback for Manchester United when he played for the reserves last week. The Northern Irish striker had been out for 14 months with an ankle injury.**
- Everton's Dutch-born Welsh international defender, van der Hauwe, is all set to join Tottenham for $1.3 million.
- **Despite France's almost certain elimination from the World Cup finals, manager Michel Platini will stay in charge until all the qualifying matches are over — in November.**
- Michael Laudrup, Juventus' Danish international striker, will play for Bologna next season. While Portuguese Rui Barros has become the darling of the Turin fans in his first season at the club, Soviet midfielder Zavarov and Laudrup are having mediocre seasons.
- **In Egypt, National Cairo are running away with the First Division championship. They have a five-point lead over Zamalek, with Mehalla another six points behind. There are six rounds left.**
- Sliema Wanderers and Valletta are staging a great fight atop the Maltese First Division table. Valletta's Zarb is the league's leading scorer.
- **Franz Beckenbauer has been presented with a coaching certificate by the West German FA. "Der Kaiser" stepped into the national coaching post without a diploma. Michel Platini followed the same route in France.**
- Paraguay will play Uruguay on April 15, Argentina on May 4 and Brazil on May 10 as part of their Copa America build-up. Last week, they played two games in three days — against Rapid Vienna, of Austria, and Brazil.
- **West German Wolfgang Franck, VfB Stuttgart's former striker, is to coach Swiss First Division club Aarau.**
- Two Icelandic players will play for Crystal Palace next season — Einar Pall Tomasson, from Valur, and Arnljotor Davisson, who plays for Fram.
- **A Canadian court dismissed charges against four national team players accused of accepting a bribe to lose a match in the 1986 Merlion Cup in Singapore. The players — Norman, Vrbalic; Marinaro and Chueden — were accused of pocketing $500 each for "throwing" a game against Singapore.**
- Mexico defeated El Salvador 2-0 to win a four-team tournament in Los Angeles last month. Guatemala beat Costa Rica for third place. The two double-headers, at the Coliseum, attracted 88,000 spectators — which is not surprising since greater Los Angeles has a Hispanic population estimated at 3 million.
- **Everton will play against Athletic Bilbao, of Spain, at Goodison Park on April 4. The match is a testimonial for Everton captain Kevin Ratcliffe, who played for Bilbao last season.**
- Would you believe that only 185 spectators watched the Argentine First Division game between Racing Cordoba and Armenio on February 12? Even Brisbane Lions did better in the NSL last season when their smallest crowd was over 200 . . .
- **Boris Topornin has resigned as president of the USSR Soccer Federation. No successor has been named yet. The new president's powers will be curtailed later this year when the Soviet clubs form their own league to run their affairs.**
- West German star, Pierre Littbarski, has been asked by the Christian Democratic Party to stand for state parliament in elections in the Rhineland in May.

Bayern Munich's international midfielder, Olaf Thon, is out of action for at least a month after tearing thigh ligaments at training. He will be out for the semi final of the UEFA Cup against Maradona's Napoli next week.

SOUTH AMERICA

BY MARIO ETCHART

Experts have been surprised by Venezuelan Deportivo Tachira finishing ahead of high-flying Brazilians International de Porto Alegre in their Libertadores Cup group.

Tachira, an underrated club, produced the goods and defeated Internacional convincingly to finish one point behind the winner of the group, Bahia, the champions of Brazil.

Danubio, the Uruguayan champion, also qualified for the second round after a tough victory over The Strongest of Bolivia.

Danubio won 1-0, with a goal scored by brilliant midfielder Ruben Pereira. The Bolivian goalkeeper, Garreazu, was the best player, making at least five incredible saves.

In group 1, at Asuncion, local side Sol de America only managed a 0-0 draw with Chilean champion Cobreloa.

The game ended in confusion when local fans tried to attack the Argentine referee, Ricardo Calabria, for not allowing two "clear" penalties.

However, Cobreloa was the better team, well led by former Argentine international Marcelo Trobbiani.

In a dramatic match, not decided until the last minute, Boca Juniors of Argentina beat Sporting Cristal of Peru 4-3 in Buenos Aires.

Boca striker Jorge Comas was both hero and villain. The Argentine striker scored three goals, but missed two penalties.

Comas opened the score after 17 minutes. Peruvian striker Lobos equalised in the 33rd, and seven minutes later Comas hit the crossbar with his first penalty. Cristal's midfielder Olaechea disputed the referee's decision and was sent off.

Only 40 seconds into the second half, Comas added a second goal but in the 51st, Manassero made it 2-2. One minute later, Comas, again scored for Boca and in the 54th minute, striker Graciani increased the scoreline to 4-2.

The gutsy Peruvians never gave up and Lobos reduced the leeway in the 66th minute.

Peruvian goalkeeper Gonzalez saved the second penalty, executed by Comas, in the 88th minute.

Right at the end, Peruvian striker Hurtado missed a good chance of scoring the equaliser when his shot went over the crossbar.

★★★

Uruguayan star Enzo Francescoli announced that his transfer to Boca Juniors of Argentina was "almost impossible" because of economic reasons.

Argentine Soccer can't compete in economic matters with Europe.

French club Matra Racing is willing to sell Francescoli if Boca Juniors come up with big bucks.

The price for the brilliant Uruguayan striker is $US8 million, an amount beyond the reach of any South American club.

Francescoli is sought after also by Juventus.

Because of the close friendship between Juventus president Gianni Agnelli and his French counterpart, Jean Luc Lagardere, a transfer could eventuate.

Agnelli is also the president of Fiat, while Lagardere heads Matra, two powerful motor car companies.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

Bekiaris' hat-trick

YOUNG Institute flanker Louis Bekiaris was outstanding as AIS downed the Demons 3-1 last Sunday at Bruce Stadium. Bekiaris' three classy goals pushed AIS back into the challenge for the top five.

AIS 3 BLACKTOWN 1

AIS dominated the visitors for almost the entire match and only good keeping from Steve Watson kept Blacktown's defeat respectable.

Bekiaris netted the first in the 37th minute, direct from a free-kick, with the ball going over the wall and into the corner.

Two minutes later, Bekiaris latched onto a through ball from Jason Koliba and beat the advancing Watson to the ball to score.

AIS continued to control the play in the second half. Troy Cranney should have scored after rounding the keeper, only to be tackled as he set himself to shoot.

Bekiaris completed his hat-trick, knocking home from close range after good work from Kindtner and Sorras in the 68th minute.

Blacktown's reply came 15 minutes from the end when Paul Bourke crossed the ball in behind the defence for Stan Suman to put away.

Still AIS continued to go forward and three minutes from the end Maloney was unlucky when his header hit the post, but the Institute had still done more than enough for both points.

AIS: Talia, Stanton, Wells, Koliba, Romaniuk, Bekiaris, Dickinson, Sorras (Trajanovski), Kindtner (Eldridge), Cranney, Maloney.

BLACKTOWN: Watson, Bennett, Cumerford (Shipley), Casserly, Langon, Mannix, Bourke, Welsh, Suman, McArdle, Gomes.

OLYMPIC 2 MARCONI 0

Sydney Olympic downed Marconi 2-0 to take the competition lead after Marconi slumped to their second successive defeat at the Football Stadium last Sunday.

Olympic deserved their win, although they missed several chances before going ahead just before the break.

Craig Sharpley missed an open goal in the 33rd minute and Kiwi international Mike McGarry hit over the bar from six metres two minutes later.

The opening goal came from a typical Olympic move. Louis Triantafilou skated away down the right flank and delivered a great cross for Mick Lardis who flew in to head home.

Olympic continued to dominate in the second period and Eric Hrist netted the second to put the game out of Marconi's reach in the 57th minute.

OLYMPIC: Gosling, Trianafilou, Pantazis, Foundas, Georgakis, Hrist, Lardis (Eliadis), Sharpley, McGarry, Aroujo, Refenes.

MARCONI: Hughes, Carluccio (Messina), Mammone, P. Okon, Charlewood, Colucci, Budini, Cortes, Vanegas (Ienco), K. Okon, Licata.

CROATIA 4 ST GEORGE 0

Lying equal fourth, both sides had everything to play for, but the Saints had no answer to the rampaging Croatia, well led by David Seal.

Tony Telisman forced Bouhoutsos to palm away his header in the 10th minute and opportunist Seal was on hand to pop the ball home to give Croatia the early lead.

Bouhoutsos cut off the final ball to Seal four minutes later as the striker looked likely to grab the second, and at the other end Adioski fired wide from a good position 18 metres out.

Five minutes from the break, Ned Zelic added the second from a free-kick and shortly after the resumption, Telisman scored the goal of the match when he turned his marker inside out before firing home from 18 metres in the 53rd minute.

Seal netted Croatia's final goal two minutes later, heading home a cross from Alilovic and Saints' only reply came in the 70th minute, but Krajnovic saved from Craig McGregor from point-blank range.

CROATIA: Krajnovic, Orlic, Milnac (Bojkovski), Krkovski, Milicevic, Pervan, Zelic, Alilovic, Seal, Telisman, Rancic.

ST GEORGE: Bouhoutsos, Tressider, Esposito, Harmat (Goldstein), Morakeas (Petridis), Sotiriou, McGregor, Dimovski, Adioski, Mora, Kakakios.

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES
ROUND 9

Sun April 2: Apia v Adamstown at Lambert Park 12.15pm
Blacktown v Wollongong at Gabbie Stadium 12.15pm
Croatia v Marconi at Croatian Sports Centre 12.15pm
St George v Olympic at St George Stadium 12.15pm

Syd Olympic	9	7	2	0	26	4	16
Marconi	11	6	3	2	20	10	15
Syd Croatia	10	6	0	4	25	16	12
Wollongong	9	4	3	2	14	13	11
St George	10	4	2	4	12	14	10
AIS	8	3	2	3	14	15	8
Blacktown	9	2	1	6	13	22	5
APIA	9	1	3	5	8	25	5
Adamstown	9	1	0	8	8	21	2

AIS 3 (Bekiaris 3) BLACKTOWN 1 (Suman), OLYMPIC 2 (Lardis, Hrist) MARCONI 0, CROATIA 4 (Seal 2, Telisman, Zelic) ST GEORGE 0.

Top Scorers

12 David Seal Croatia, 6 Jason Bennett Olympic, 5 Eric Hrist Olympic, 5 Steve Dimoudis St George, 5 Stan Suman Blacktown.

QUEENSLAND INDOOR — MACKAY TEAMS

MACKAY AUSTRALIAN HOTEL MONARCHS ALL-AGE WOMENS SQUAD. FROM TOP LEFT: Jack Abbott (coach), Hannah Keightley, Abi Keightley (capt). Cornelia Nicholas, Jackie Reid, Sharon Wright, Cindy Raikaki, Brian Keightley (coach). FRONT ROW: Debbie Mifsud, Sonya Muscat, Janne McCall, Kerry Kirwan, Kathy Stevens.

MACKAY AUSTRALIAN HOTEL MONARCHS ALL-AGE MENS SQUAD: TOP LEFT: Kelvin Finney, Rodney Mifsud (capt), Darrin Muscat, Steve McDonald, Michael Bentley, Chris Willett, Brian Keightley (coach). FRONT: Andrew Burston, Peter McCrohan, Simon Heading. ABSENT: Jack Abbott (coach), Tony Hewson, Darrin Pullen, Danny Walk, Willie Carter, Jason Raikaki.

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REGIONAL NEWS

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NSW WOMEN

LEADING players of Mt Druitt, Blacktown, Epping-Eastwood and Liverpool Olympic will return from the Oceania Cup in Brisbane only hours before the kick-off of the NSW Women's State League season.

Round 1 matches on Sunday are:

Div 1; Mt Druitt v Blacktown at Whalan Reserve 3pm, Epping-Eastwood v Liverpool Olympic at Tuckwell Park 3pm, Sutherland v Central Coast at Seymour Shaw 11am. Div 2: Mt Druitt v Blacktown at Whalan Reserve *at 1.15pm, Gladesville* Ravens v Sydney Olympic at Morrison Bay 5 at 1.15pm, *Epping-Eastwood v Liverpool* Olympic at Tuckwell Park at 1.15pm, University of NSW v Southern NSW at Little Bay Park 3pm, Sydney United v Putney Town at Ernie Smith Reserve 11am.

Museum piece

A museum could be established at Queensland Soccer Federation headquarters, Perry Park.

The idea has been proposed by new management committee member Don Look, who hs had a long association with Queensland junior Soccer.

Look believes the establishment of a Soccer museum at Perry Park would further enhance the complex as Soccer headquarters.

"Visiting Perry Park is very important for a lot of junior and country people and I'm sure we could add further interest to their visits by establishing a museum," Look said.

The big problem Look faces is finding a suitable spot at the already crowded Soccer headquarters. "Once I can find a suitable area, I will be calling on people to donate or lend to the museum any items they consider of historic importance or interest", he said.

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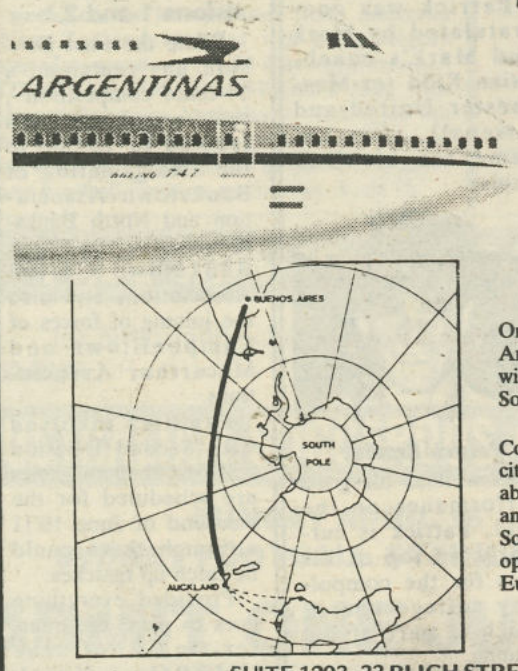

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Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER

- **Irish First Division club EMFA have come up with a novel solution to their problem of finding a couple of effective wingers. They have reduced the width of their pitch by five metres!**
- Former Republic of Ireland international David Langan has accused Jack Charlton of wrecking his career when he left him out of the 1988 European Championship squad. Langan, who played in four of Eire's qualifying games, says he has not been the same since his omission.
- **Derby have been cleared of making an illegal approach to sign Birmingham City's promising young Jason Kavanagh. The club had already been fined $200,000 for poaching Kris Sleeuenhoek from Wolverhampton.**
- PSV Eindhoven will stage a four-team tournament on August 2/4, with the participation of AC Milan, Anderlecht and IFK Goteborg, sponsored by the Philips company, which owns the Soccer team.
- **Jorge Theiler is the latest Argentine player to decline selection in the national team. The Newell's defender said "no" to Carlos Bilardo for "personal" reasons, but truth is that he does not get along with the team's trainer, Echevarria. Redondo and Dertycia have also refused to play for Argentina this year.**
- The third year of the Canadian Professional League attracted more spectators than the previous season, but the average attendance per game was still only 2800. Vancouver, with 5000 fans per game, were the top drawcards. Ottawa only drew 1600 to their home games. All clubs ended up in the red. Worst hit were the Toronto Blizzards, who lost $700,000.
- **The entire gate receipts of the recent Yugoslav First Division match between Osijek and Spartak were donated to the Yugoslav Cancer Research Centre.**
- The World Youth Cup in Saudi Arabia was watched by 456,000 spectators. Brazilian striker Bismarck, who plays for Vasco de Gama, and who is also a member of Brazil's 1989 World Cup squad, was voted Player of the Tournament. Runner-up was the spectacular US goalkeeper, Casey Keller.
- **Soviet clubs are now allowed to field two foreign players per team. Most clubs are expected to avail themselves of this opportunity by 1990. The imports are likely to be Bulagrians, Czechoslovakians and East Germans.**
- Dynamo Kiev have boosted their team with the signing of Albert Sarkissian from Ararat Yerevan and youth internationals Oleg Salenko (Zenith Leningrad) and Sergei Bejenar (Dnieper).
- **Yugoslav internationals fullback Zoran Vujovic has left Bordeaux to join brother Zlatko at Cannes. The pair was signed by Bordeaux four years ago. Striker Zlatko, a current international, joined the French Riviera club at the start of the 1988/89 season.**
- FC Seville have sacked their coach, Javier Azkagorta. The club has decided not to appoint a full-time coach until next season. For the remainder of this season, they will be coached by Azkagorta's two assistants.
- **It's now official: the great Brazilian near-veteran, Zico, will play for the semi-professional Miami Sharks, in the USA, for one season.**
- Once powerful Bordeaux are really on the skids in France. The team is not only in the lower reaches of the competition, but was also defeated by a lowly Second Division side, Beauvais, in their first outing in the French Cup!
- **Spartak Moscow's 34-year-old stopper, Alexander Bubnov, has joined French Third Division club, Paris Red Star. Bubnov has played 34 times for the national team.**
- Aston Villa took advantage of the mini-break in the English League (because of the Albania v England World Cup game) to play two matches in Trinidad and Tobago. Middlesbrough spent the break in neighbouring Bahamas.
- **Yet another Yugoslav has been appointed coach of a foreign national team. Three weeks after Ecuador appointed Dusan Draskovic, countryman, Miroslav Bucazinovic, has been installed at the helm of El Salvador's side.**
- Alan Ball, sacked as manager of Portsmouth, has applied for the vacant Luton job.
- **Mario Kempes, the star of Argentina's 1978 World Cup triumph, now plays for Sankt Polten in Austria — and is still scoring goals.**
- Ajax Amsterdam have appointed a new board. The club's chairman is now Michael van Praag, son of the former chairman, Jaap van Praag.

Alexei Mikhailichenko in action against England in Euro-88. Unlike many of his Soviet countrymen, he won't be moving West next season.

Mass Walkout in Netherlands

THE entire board of the Dutch Soccer Association (KNVB) has resigned following concern among clubs over a deficit after last year's triumph in the European championship.

A KNVB spokesman said Association chairman Andre van der Louw and four other board members gave up their posts after a vote of no confidence in their policy.

The clubs first voiced concern about KNVB policy last November when the European championship accounts were published.

They requested the special meeting because they wanted an explanation for a deficit.

The KNVB management has also been under fire from clubs and fans over its plan to introduce an identity card scheme aimed at curbing hooliganism.

NORTH AFRICAN HEROES

LEFT — Madjer of Algeria. CENTRE — Timoumi (Morocco). TOP — Belloumi (Algeria).

ASIAN ROUND-UP

HONG KONG won the Interport Trophy for the first time in six attempts.

The competition is a bi-annual event between the British Crown Colony and the team from Quandong (formerly Canton), the big Chinese port 150 miles north of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong won 4-3 at home and lost 1-2 in China to win the cup on the away goals rule.

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TWO of Thailand's best players — striker Piyapong Pueoun and defender Natee Thongsukaew — have joined Japanese clubs.

And the country's most exciting young prospect, Vorawan Chitawanch, has moved to Denmark.

Another three Thais now call South Korea home, and the goalkeeper of the national team is headed for a club in Hong Kong.

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MALAYSIAN Soccer is to go professional.

Next season, there will be two professional divisions which, hopefully, will raise the standard of Soccer in the country.

It is hoped that foreign players might be attracted and that professionalism will end the rigging of matches.

Large amounts change hands in betting syndicates and there have been bribery scandals.

World Cup Odds

THESE are the early World Cup odds posted by English bookmakers:

4-1 Italy, 5-1 Argentina, 6-1 Brazil, 7-1 West Germany, 8-1 Holland, 10-1 USSR, 12-1 Spain, 14-1 Colombia, 16-1 England, 20-1 Sweden.

Sampdoria sign Soviet super-star

SAMPDORIA of Italy have reached an agreement with Dynamo Kiev to sign international midfielder Pavel Yakovenko in a $4.5 million deal after the 1990 World Cup finals.

Yakovenko, 24, will replace either Brazilian Toninho Cerezo or Spanish international Victor, both of whom are over 30.

Sampdoria had desperately been trying to sign the Soviet Union's current glamour player, Alexei Mikhailichenko, but the Dynamo Moscow midfielder is adamant he will remain in the Soviet Union at least another two years.

Yakovenko, although not yet well-known in the West, enjoys super-star status in the Ukraine.

OVERSEAS OVERVIEW

- **Fluminense striker Ze Maria has joined Swiss First Division club Xamax Neuchatel — the team the Socceroos defeated in a warm-up game before the 1974 World Cup finals.**
- **Fadil Hassan, Malaga's Moroccan international striker, has been suspended for four games for kicking Atletico Madrid defender Tomas Renones. The Spanish FA has ordered a crackdown by referees — who have taken up the challenge with a vengeance**
- **Gornik Zabrze and GKS Katowice share the lead in the Polish First Division after Gornik lost in the first match after the winter break. Ruch Chorzow are third, one point behind the joint-leaders.**
- Bayern Munich have now gone 22 games without losing in the West German Bundesliga. Should they remain unbeaten right through, they will be the first team to do since the creation of the premier league 24 years ago.
- **Juventus will sign a new wonder boy from Vicenza for $200,000. Nicolo Zanzini, 15, has been described as a new Michel Platini. The clubs have agreed on a payment system that will be linked to the number of games he plays for Juventus and Italy.**

BELGIAN WAGES

A study in Belgium concluded than an average First Division footballer earns $360.00 per "working" hour.

According to the survey, the country's highest-paid Soccer star is Mechelen's Dutch international Johnny Bosman, with a basic wage of $5,000 a week.

Eddie Krncevic is believed to be earning around $3500 a week.